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At the Annual General Meeting of the BANNATYNE CLUB, held in the Hall of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland, on Monday the 1st of December 1851—

The PRESIDENT stated to the Meeting, that the Collection of Ancient Charters relating to the Earldom of Morton, accompanied with a Series of Original Letters and Papers from the Archives of the Earls of Morton, was now nearly completed, and might be expected as one of the Works printed for the use of the Members at the expense of the Club for the following year.

This Collection having been printed under the Superintendence of THE PRESIDENT OF THE CLUB, with the assistance of the late MR. ALEXANDER MACDONALD, one of the Members, the Meeting, while expressing their obligations to the President for the great care he has bestowed upon this Work,

RESOLVED,

That the thanks of the Club are due to the RIGHT HON. THE EARL OF MORTON for the use of the Original Documents from which the Collection has been formed.

At a Meeting of the Committee of the BANNATYNE CLUB, held on Monday the 21st of February 1853—

The SECRETARY reported to the Meeting the arrangements made since the decease of THOMAS THOMSON, ESQ., PRESIDENT OF THE CLUB, in regard to the Series of MORTON PAPERS; and stated, that for the purpose of completing the Work with a suitable Preface, MR. INNES had obtained from the EARL OF MORTON the old Chartulary of Morton, and other important documents.

The Committee were of opinion that the plan originally contemplated of issuing the Work in two distinct volumes, although of unequal size, should be adhered to; the more modern portion to accompany the prefatory matter; and authorized the Work to be completed in the manner proposed, and circulated among the Members with all convenient speed.

Extracted from the Minutes of the Club,

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PREFACE.

THE Register of the more Ancient Writs of the Douglases of Dalkeith, Earls of Morton, which is probably the oldest Chartulary of lay possessions in Scotland, consists of two parts; the older written soon after the middle of the fourteenth century, and the latter about its close.[1] Together, they contain about three hundred charters.

Such a collection of the records of an historical family early attracted the attention of the late lamented President of the

[1] The older contains forty leaves of vellum of a small folio size, exceedingly stained and defaced, so as to be in many places wholly illegible even where the vellum is entire. The table of its contents enumerates one hundred and six charters, of which twenty-five are wanting.

The latter portion contains ninety-one written leaves of vellum somewhat larger in size, and in a hand perhaps a little later, but the greater part written before the end of the fourteenth century. This numbering, however, includes a second table of contents of more modern writing than the original one, and a fasciculus of twelve leaves of a hand-writing of the following century. The older table of contents of this part enumerates two hundred and six charters, the later one, which includes the fasciculus of later date, gives two hundred and twenty. This part, which still contains all that are given in these tables, with the exception of five charters at the end of the modern fasciculus, is on the whole tolerably legible throughout.

Bannatyne Club, and he devoted some part of his time for several years to superintending the arrangement and printing of the present volume, which is chiefly derived from that source, with the addition, however, of some original documents from the Charter-room at Dalmahoy. Mr. Thomson intended to accompany the collection with a dissertation on the pedigree of this branch of the illustrious house of Douglas; but increasing years and infirmities prevented his fulfilling that intention; and nothing has been found among his papers to indicate the plan or views of the Editor. By a double fatality, the premature death of the excellent Mr. Alexander Macdonald, who had assisted Mr. Thomson in the work, has shut us out from all knowledge of Mr. Thomson's communications with him, and left us to guess at the method and purpose of the following collection from the sheets as they stand printed. Owing to this cause, there are omissions not easily accounted for, and in a few instances, papers inserted without much apparent utility; but the general plan of the work is sufficiently simple.

While the charters are printed faithfully from the Chartulary or the charters themselves, preserving even the abbreviations of the original, the order has been changed, and they are now nearly, if not quite, in chronological arrangement, a matter which has not been at all attended to in the original record. After the whole contents of the Chartulary, there are added a charter of Sir James of Douglas Lord of Dalkeith in 1406, founding six chaplainries in the Chapel of Saint Nicholas of

Dalkeith, and eleven Charters abridged from the Register of the Great Seal.

A considerable body of original papers of three reigns, James V., Mary, and James VI., from the Muniment-room of the family of Morton, have been added as a Supplement to this large body of Ancient Charters. Some of them will be found of much historical interest and curiosity. For convenience of binding, these have been placed in the present volume. It must be understood that the second volume contains the charters and more ancient writs.

Since the time of old Hume of Godscroft, it is surprising how little of the attention of Antiquaries has been directed to the early pedigree of Douglas. Contented with their fabulous original and the real splendour of their historical period, the extant families of Douglas have not sought to give that precision to their descent which modern accuracy demands, and which can only be drawn from charters or authentic records. When any one qualified for the task shall be induced to undertake it, he will find some of his most valuable materials in the present collection.

The romantic historian of the house of Douglas has said of his subject, 'We do not know them in the fountain, but in the stream; not in the root, but in the stemme; for we know not who was the first mean man that did by his virtue raise himself above the vulgar.'[1] Mr. Chalmers, with no weakness for romance, thought he had discovered 'the first mean man' of

[1] Hume of Godscroft's History of the Houses of Douglas and Angus; Preface.

the family in a certain Theobald the Fleming, who had a grant of land on the Douglas Water, from Arnold, Abbot of Kelso, in the middle of the twelfth century.[1] It has been shewn elsewhere, that that was not the original land of the Douglas family, although upon the bank of the same river, and that there is no proof nor any probability of William of Douglas of the twelfth century, the undoubted ancestor of the family, being descended of the Fleming, who settled on the opposite side of his native valley.[2] These Charters correct another mistake of the author of Caledonia, who says, that no person of the first six descents of the Douglases had obtained one grant from the Crown—ascribing their rise to greatness solely to the services of the 'good Sir James.'[3] The ancestry of the first William of Douglas, indeed, is not to be found in a Scotch Charter-chest. Like the other knightly and baronial families of the Lowlands, he probably drew his origin from some Norman or Saxon colonist, who in that age of immigration and fluctuating surnames, sunk his previous style, perhaps some changing patronymic, like those of the ancestors of the Stuarts and of the Hamiltons; little dreaming how illustrious was to become the name which he adopted from his settlement on the bank of the Douglas Water.

William of Douglas, who is known at the conclusion of the

[1] Caledonia, i. 579.

[2] Regist. de Calchou, Preface, pp. xxvii., xxviii.; Sir W. Scott, note to 'The Monastery,' chap. xxxvii. (Waverley Novels, vol. x. pp. 472, 473. Library edit., 1853.)

[3] Caledonia, p. 584. It can be shown that, in the year 1296, William of Douglas, the father of 'the good Sir James,' beside his fief in Douglasdale, and the manor in Northumberland, held lands in six Scotch counties—Fife, Edinburgh, Berwick, Wigtown, Dumfries, and Ayr. (Rotuli Scotiæ, vol. i. p. 24.)

twelfth century, and who appears as a person of some consequence during the whole reign of William the Lion, had six sons—Erkenbald or Archibald, his heir; Bricius, a churchman, prior of Lesmahago,[1] who in the year 1203 was preferred to the great Bishopric of Moray; and four others, who seem to have been provided for out of their brother's northern benefice.

Erkenbald of Douglas is found witnessing charters before the end of the twelfth century, and is known in transactions as late as 1228. This personage attained the dignity of knighthood, and acquired lands beyond the original territory in Douglasdale.[2]

Several of the Charters of our Register, which appear to have been accidentally omitted in printing it, throw light upon these earlier generations of the family, even before it had become historically illustrious. Thus, early in the thirteenth century, Malcolm Earl of Fife granted to Archibald of Douglas, son of William of Douglas, the land of Levingston and the land of Hirdmanston, both formerly held by William of Kilmaron; and King Alexander II. confirmed that Charter before the year 1226.[3] It is remarkable that, although the family had been for a century before in possession of the lands from whence they derived their name, there is no charter evidence of any earlier property held by them than these grants of Levingston and

[1] Lesmahago was a cell of Kelso, and Bricius and his brother Hugo seem to have been monks of that great abbey. (*Liber Vitae Eccl. Dunelm.*, p. 95.)

[2] The authorities for these descents are cited in the 'Origines Parochiales Scotiæ' under the parish of Douglas.

[3] Appendix to Preface, Nos. 1 and 2.

Hirdmanston.[1] One of the witnesses to the Earl of Fife's Charter, Freskin, Dean of Moray, marks the early connexion of the Douglases with that diocese, to which they had already given a bishop, and perhaps also with that great family of the north, the De Moravias, with whom they had arms in common, and of whom old Wyntoun says,—

Of Murrawe and the Dowglas,
How that thare begynnyng was,
Syn syndry men spekis syndryly
I can put that in na story.
Bot in thare armeys bath thai bere
The sternys set in lyk manere,
Til mony men it is yhit sene,
Apperand lyk that thai had bene
Of kyn be descens lyneale
Or be branchys collaterale.

The next Sir William of Douglas was probably the son of Sir Archibald, but this step of the pedigree is not proved otherwise than by his inheriting the family lands. He lived till about 1276.

It is hardly on better evidence that it is asserted that Andrew, the founder of the House of Dalkeith and Morton, was brother of this Sir William, and consequently son of Sir Archibald of Douglas, Lord of Douglas,[2] or that Sir James, who had Charters

[1] Setting aside the authority of Boece and his fabulous Parliament at Forfar in 1061, which was attended by "Gulielmus a Douglas"—the first transaction of any one of the family or name of Douglas recorded by Godscroft, is the marriage of Hugh Douglas, the son of William, with Marjory Abernethie, sister of Hugh Lord of Abernethie, in 1259. This historian may be trusted where he quotes documents. He describes the contract of marriage 'which the Earles of Angus have yet extant.'—*Home of Godscroft*, p. 12.

[2] The fact seems to rest upon their occurrence together as witnesses to a Charter in

of Kincavill and Caldor-cler, and took his style from Lothian—*de Laudonia*—and who died about 1320, was the son of that William who was undoubtedly the son and heir of Andrew.[1]

Here, however, the doubts and difficulties of the pedigree cease. Sir William of Douglas, 'of Liddesdale,' who flourished during the reigns of Robert I. and his son, is described in charters as the son of the late Sir James Douglas of Lothian.[2] Supporting Bruce along with his kinsman and chief, 'the good Sir James' of Douglas, he received royal rewards for his service, and transmitted to his nephew Sir James, besides the territories which had got for the family the designation 'of Lothian,' extensive lands in Tweeddale, the old Graham lordship of Dalkeith, and the great territories of Liddesdale, with the valleys of Esk and Ewys forfeited by the De Soulises and de Lovels[3]—and, as if for the express benefit of genealogists, left an entail calling to his succession, in their order, the five sons of his brother John.[4]

The eldest of these, Sir James Douglas, a man of enormous territories and great real wealth, is the personage whose transactions occupy the greatest space in our Chartulary. With his wife Agnes of Dunbar, daughter of 'Black Agnes,' the heroic Countess of Dunbar, he got not only the lands of Mor-

favour of the monks of Dunfermline, where they are entered as *Dominis Willelmo et Andrea de Dufglas*. Reg. de Dunfermelyn, p. 97.

[1] Vol. ii. p. 8, No. 10; p. 11, No. 14.

[2] Vol. ii. p. 11, No. 15; p. 22, No. 30; p. 23, No. 31; p. 29, No. 37.

[3] Vol. ii. p. 43, No. 57; p. 47, No. 63.

[4] Vol. ii. p. 53, No. 70. It may be conjectured that it is to these five brothers that Froissart alludes in his most perplexing notice of the Douglases of his day—'I have sene a five bretherne, all squiers, bearyng the name of Duglas, in the Kyng of Scotlandes house Dauid; they were sonnes to a knight in Scotlande called Sir James Duglas.'—Cap. cxlvii.

dington, Whittingham, and a territory perhaps not so tangible in the Isle of Man, but also by Royal grant for her life, '*pro apparatu et amictu ipsius,*' the incredible sum of 1000 marks a-year, to be levied out of the customs of Aberdeen and Haddington.[1] Hitherto the family had taken their designation from their Castle of Dalkeith, or from Liddesdale, though sometimes styled popularly 'of Lothian;' but a grant from his brother-in-law George Earl of Dunbar, of the lands of Morton in Nithsdale, eventually changed their style and title.[2]

The marriage of the daughter of Sir James of Douglas with Sir John of Hamilton, Lord of Cadyhow, was arranged by an indenture of 1st November 1388, the original of which, still preserved at Dalmahoy, is so curious in its provisions that it has been thought proper to print it in the Appendix to this Preface.[3] The seal appended gives the earliest coat armour that is known of any of the name of Hamilton.[4]

Sir James of Douglas shewed his munificence to the Church during his life as well as in his latter will. Dalkeith was not then an independent parish, but part of the parish of Lasswade. Besides endowing a chapel in his castle of Dalkeith, dedicated to the Virgin and Saint John the Baptist in 1377, he founded and endowed a chaplainry in honour of Saint Nicholas in a chapel, which previously existed at the village, dedicated to the same Saint. This chapel of Saint Nicholas of Dalkeith

[1] Vol. ii. No. 108.

[2] Vol. ii. No. 100.

[3] Appendix to the Preface, No. 9.

[4] An earlier seal is described by T. Innes as extant in his time in the Scots College at Paris. 'It was of David Hamilton, in 1361, and Innes blazons it, *Super scuto tria quinquefolia.—Regist. Episcop. Glasg., Vol. I., Tabula, p. cxxxii., No.* 297, *note i.*

grew by his bounty, till in 1406 it acquired the shape of a Collegiate Church for a Provost and five chaplains with manses and full establishment, the stipends provided out of his lands.[1] It was not till a century after the first endowment of Sir James's chaplains, that his descendant James first Earl of Morton completed the establishment of the Collegiate Church of Dalkeith, by adding three canons endowed with the tithes of three parishes, of Newlands, Kilbucho, and Mordington.[2]

Undoubtedly the most interesting documents of this collection are the two wills of Sir James Douglas of Dalkeith, 30th September 1390, and 19th September 1392, the oldest wills of any Scotchman known to be extant.[3] Commending his soul to God, and the blessed Virgin, and all saints, he gave his body to be buried in the Monastery of Newbotle, beside his first wife Agnes. He appointed Archibald Earl of Douglas, and Sir Henry of Douglas, his uncle, to be guardians of his heir. He gave the half of all his free goods for his funeral, and for masses and alms for the weal of his soul; also his best horse and his arms as a funeral offering to the vicar of Lasswade. He left to James his son and heir, helmet and full arms for tilting,[4] and his best jack

[1] The curious and valuable deed the 'magna carta' of the College is not preserved either in the Chartulary, or among the original writs at Dalmahoy. It is printed from the original preserved in the charter-chest of Kilsyth, Vol. ii. No. 278.

[2] Vol. ii. No. 230.

[3] Vol. ii. Nos. 193, 196. These were previously printed in the second volume of the Bannatyne Miscellany. A much older will, that of Saint Gilbert de Moravia, Bishop of Caithness, is said to have been extant in 1636; but it is now unhappily lost.—*Sir R. Gordon's History of Sutherland.*

[4] Along with his tilting arms he bequeaths 'unum rethe quod fuit in bombicinio meo'—perhaps the silk dress worn over arms in the tilt-yard.

and tusches, with his second best horse—an owche with a ruby in the middle, a ring *de columna Christi*, and a cross made of the true cross—*super quam pendebat Jesus*—a relic of the hair of Mary Magdalene enclosed in silver, a circlet of gold, and a great counterfilet of gold, a silver basin with a cover, weighing £15, 3s. 8d., his best gilt cup, weighing £18, 2s. His best ring with a sapphire, which was his lady mother's, and which she gave him with her blessing, he left also to his heir with his cordial blessing. He left him also a large quantity of silver-plate, dishes, chargers, and cups; his best bed; all his books, both those of the Statutes of the kingdom of Scotland and those of romance. He left to his daughter Jacoba, a circlet of gold of forty marks price; to his son John Douglas of Aberdour, all his books of grammar and logic, and ten pounds yearly until he should be provided in ten pounds' worth of land. He specially requested that the books he had borrowed might be returned to their owners. He bequeathed to the Earl of March, his brother-in-law, a ring with a ruby; to his son James his second best belt, a pair of plates and the rest of a suit of armour *pro hastiludio de guerra;* to his brothers William and Nicholas, each a suit of armour; and to the former twenty marks sterling, and to the latter ten marks yearly. The rest of his arms he ordered to remain perpetually in his Castle of Dalkeith. He bequeathed to John de Livingston a ring with a Saint Christopher; a chalice and missal to the Chapel of Saint Nicholas of Dalkeith; a small sum for the support of the fabric of Saint Andrews; a jewel of Saint John of the price of forty marks to the Church of New-

botle. He gave for the building of the Church of Newbotle, and the wages of the masons, £23, 6s. 8d.; and twelve silver plates, weighing £18, 6s. sterling, for the use of the refectory, with other sums to the monks to pray for his soul. He left £20 to the Monastery of Kelso, and many small sums to individuals whom he only mentions by name. To be distributed among the poor he gave £13, 6s. 8d. He gave legacies to the Friars preachers of Edinburgh and the Minorites of Haddington. He left to Elizabeth his sister a brooch of gold; to Sir Henry his brother a small ring with a sapphire; to Sir Archibald Earl of Douglas a ring with a ruby inscribed *Vertu ne puz auoir conterpois;* also a sapphire which purifies the blood and has a stalk of gold, also his second best gilt cup with a cover, weighing £8. He left to his son William a gold ring with an emerald, circumscribed with a posey beginning *Remembrance.* He directed for the weal of his own soul and of his uncle's, that all bonds of his uncle's that may be found in his keeping should be burned. An aventale and gloves of plate that had belonged to John Ker—won perhaps as the prize of some tournament—were to be restored to him. His robes of cloth of gold and silk and his furred robes were to be given to the Church of Saint Duthoc of Tain, the Chapel of Dalkeith, and certain churchmen: his other garments to his poor servants. He directed the residue of his plate to be sold for the poor. He left his third best horse and a jewel of Saint John that cost 40 marks to the Monastery of Newbotle, and £23, 6s. 8d. to help its fabric. He bequeathed a sum of only £26, 13s. 4d., to be marriage portions to his

nieces, the two daughters of Philip of Arbuthnot. He gave £20 for repairing and roofing the Chapel of Saint Nicholas, and vestments to each of the Churches of Lasswade, Newlands, and Saint Fulan of Aberdour. He gave up to Robert de Livingston his maritage, which he had by gift of the King. He bequeathed to Egidia, his wife, a jewel which she had given him, *dum tamen de jocalibus ulterius non querat.* By his second will, he gave the residue of his goods, after debts and legacies, to the building and adorning of the Chapel of Saint Nicholas of Dalkeith. Sir James long survived these testaments, and died in 1420.[1]

The alliances of this princely person were as high as Scotland afforded. His first wife (beside whom he desired to be buried in the Abbey of Newbotil) was Agnes, a daughter of the house of Dunbar; and it is doubtful if he thought he married more nobly when he took for his second, the Lady Giles Stuart, the sister of King Robert II. His eldest son he married to Elizabeth Stuart, the third daughter of Robert III. It may serve to show how little mere titles of honour were as yet coveted in Scotland that this family, so great in wealth and connexions, did not receive the dignity of Earl till James, his great grandson, having married Johan, the third daughter of King James I., was created Earl of Morton, in Parliament 14th March 1457.[2]

[1] Fordun, xv. 32. He died of a very fatal epidemic, which the Faculty attributed to the badness of the seasons. It was called by our forefathers the *Quhew.* In our day it would have been named *influenza.*

[2] The style was declared to be derived from the lands of Morton in Caldorcler, the lands of Morton in Nithsdale having gone to his uncle Sir William.

James the third Earl of Morton, grandson of the first Earl, having no sons, obtained a new charter of the Earldom,[1] with remainder to (1.) his daughter's husband, James Douglas, (afterwards the Regent Morton ;) (2.) to Archibald Earl of Angus ; (3.) to Sir William Douglas of Lochleven ; and the heirs-male of their bodies respectively.

By virtue of that settlement, the Earldom came to the Regent. After his death, and when his attainder was reversed in 1585, Archibald the eighth Earl of Angus became Earl of Morton; and he also dying without sons, the succession devolved on Sir William Douglas of Lochleven, the lineal male descendant of that Henry who was the fourth in the enumeration of the nephews of Sir William of Douglas in his entail of 1351. In 1368 Henry acquired the lands of Lugtoun adjoining his father's lordship of Dalkeith ; had charters of Langnewton in Roxburgh from the Stewards lords of Ochiltree ; and of the castle and lands of Lochleven, which gave their style and usual designation to his descendants. He was a person of great consideration as well as large possessions, being married to a niece of King Robert II., daughter of David first Earl of Crauford ;[2] and he was attached in some manner to the personal service or attendance of the unhappy Prince David Duke of Rothesay. The descent and subsequent history of that family are well known, but they are not illustrated by this collection.

[1] Crown charter 1564. Ratified in Parliament 1567.

[2] See his Testament, (vol. ii. p. 176,) and Documents appended to the Preface, No. 8. A mistaken account of this marriage is given in the Peerages, where Marjory of Lyndesay is said to have married William of Douglas instead of his father Henry.

which is necessarily by its date confined to the charters and transactions of the Earls of the first race.

One uninitiated in the exciting pursuit of charter antiquities cannot readily appreciate the interest with which the zealous investigator searches through a charter-room like that of Dalmahoy. As each massive old chest is approached, and one after another the bolts and locks, with all their quaint devices for puzzling the stranger, give way, and as one after another he opens the little oak drawers, and lets in the light upon their sleep of centuries, he is in constant hope of some important revelation. That small charter no bigger than a man's hand may remove the mystery which shrouds the origin of the race —may tell us from what chateau of Normandy or from what English grange came the ancestors of the Scotch heroes—who was 'the first mean man that did by his virtue raise himself above the vulgar.' Even when that expectation is disappointed, the search is not fruitless. The venerable chartulary gives the precision of record to the lives and actions of one branch of the most illustrious family in Scotland. Every chest yields something to gratify curiosity; to fill up a gap in genealogy; to correct the blunders of heralds; to throw light upon the tenure and descent of lands; the correspondence of those who could write, and documents for shewing the relations of the various classes of society. It is from such materials that our domestic annals are to be written, and the public history of the country is yet to receive its truest as well as its most characteristic colouring.

However the loss of the early Douglas charters is to be

accounted for, the family of Morton have been careful preservers of theirs. Besides the Chartulary written 'book-ways,' there are found in a little black 'coffer' a number of narrow vellum rolls of about the same age,[1] some containing lists of charters and title-deeds of all sorts, with reference to their places of deposit, but unfortunately (like the table prefixed to our Chartulary) without dates. One consists of a rental of part of the Morton possessions for the years 1376-8—valuable not only for the local antiquary, but as perhaps the earliest rental of lay lands in Scotland. It is printed at length.[2]

The house of Lochleven followed the example of their cousins of Dalkeith, and the charter-room at Dalmahoy, which now combines the united collections of both families, shews many marks of care both in preserving and transcribing their ancient muniments.

There is a carefully written 'Registrum evidentiarum dominorum de Lochlevin' compiled in 1573, which commences with the first charter of Henry of Lugton and Lochleven; as well as several bundles of original writs on parchment inartificially stitched together, and some similar *fasciculi* of transcripts of originals by the family notary.[3]

Although our forefathers began to use their vernacular tongue

[1] One of these Rolls begins—'ROTULUS AD DOCENDUM UBI LITERE DOMINI INVENIENTUR. *Imprimis in uno magno schotyll cum uno W. et una cruce super le lyd—In prima capsa,*' &c.; and then the rest are described as '*in uno cofino,*' or '*in secunda capsa,*' and sometimes in Scotch thus: 'In the thred schotill of the elder cofyne.'

[2] Appendix to the Preface, No. 16.

[3] It is from one of these that the letter of James I., charging the Laird of Lochlevin to enter himself as one of the hostages for the King's ransom, is printed in the Appendix to the Preface, (No. 13.) The notary transcriber has given it the following title, shewing his understanding of such mandates. 'The transumpt of aue vreting send be the Kingis grace to umquhil Robert Douglas *for ryding of aue raid to Ingland!*'

in law and business documents about the end of the fourteenth century, letters of correspondence are hardly met with in Scotch repositories till the sixteenth. Even to the end of the latter century they are incredibly meagre and unsatisfactory. The writers are evidently suspicious not only of the channels of communication, but frequently of their correspondents, whom it might be unsafe to trust with any frank expression of opinion *in writing*. Hence the constant practice in those times of accrediting the bearer to make those revelations which were not to be confided to paper. Another reason, it must be owned, impeded free communication by letter. Although education made a rapid stride just after the Reformation, and it was no longer necessary to enforce the old Statute which obliged barons of substance to put their eldest sons to the schools, yet it cannot be said that the classes of nobility and gentry were generally imbued with literature, and the greater number wrote as if they knew neither their own nor any other language grammatically. Many churchmen, indeed, before the Reformation, were accomplished in all kinds of learning. Public libraries had been established, and a few distinguished laymen had already begun to form private collections of books.[1] But

[1] Some of these are still known to the curious by their book-stamps, which were then impressed on the outside of the binding. Schives, Archbishop of St. Andrews, had his books so distinguished before the end of the fifteenth century. It has been seen that Sir James Douglas of Dalkeith counted his books among his valuables, even before the end of the fourteenth century; and his manuscripts, whether of the laws of the realm or of romance, would now be beyond price. Even after printing had brought books within the reach of moderate fortunes, we still find MS. copies in old libraries; indeed, the greater number of our Law collections continued to be in writing subsequent to the introduction of printing even in Scotland; and manuscript copies of the ponderous romances of the sixteenth century, (with variations by the transcriber,) are still found at Taymouth and in other old collections.

subsequent to the Reformation, and on to the end of that century, there was no general taste for literature; the leading men of Scotland and women of rank and education still wrote in the constrained style of people unacquainted with the capabilities of their language, and for the most part not indisposed to leave their meaning obscure.

Accordingly, there is little of the interest of modern correspondence—nothing of the free interchange of sentiment—to be looked for in a collection like that brought together in the present volume, from the now united repositories of Morton and Lochleven. Somewhat beyond the limits of this collection, and especially during the period of Earl William, the Lord Treasurer, the letters of correspondence preserved at Dalmahoy become both more frequent and considerably less restrained.

A considerable mass of documents concerning the Regent Morton are valuable as throwing some new light on the life and events of a statesman whose character has not been investigated with any care or research, except by one whose prejudices quite overcame his better judgment. Mr. Chalmers can find no defence nor excuse for Morton, but rails and calls him names, mistakes and twists the evidence, and scatters abuse so indiscriminately upon all previous historians, that his 'Memoir of the Regent Morton,'[1] if it has any effect, leads the reader to the opposite conclusion from that which he contends for.

The following interesting scrap of Parliamentary history has been found at Dalmahoy since the text of the present volume was printed. It is evidently the memorandum of a speech in

[1] Chalmers's 'Life of Queen Mary,' vol. iii.

Parliament in reply to the Queen's opening speech—something akin to those now formalised in the British Parliament at moving the address on the 'Queen's speech.' We may conjecture, with tolerable confidence, that it was used by Morton while Chancellor, or when acting as such before his formal appointment to the office; and its terms seem to point to that Parliament which sat on the 26th May 1563, 'On which day the Queen came to it in her robes and crowned—the Duke carrying the crown, Argyll the sceptre, and Murray the sword,' when 'she made in English an oration publiquely there.'[1]

'Sen it hes plesit the Quenis Maiestie to mak her awin declaratioun of the grete zele and lufe hir Maiestie hes borne towartis this hir natiue countre and ws hir Hienes liegis and subiectis

'On the vther part it is our bundin dewtie to gif vnto God most hartlie thankis that hes gevin vnto ws sic ane lufing prynces to ring our ws

'Quairfoir we aucht to endevoir oure selffis maist ernestlie to set fordwart all sic thingis as may be to the avancement of hir Maiesties estait honour and dignetie

'And that in sic sort as may be to the glorie of God hir Hienes honour and obedyence to the mantenance and quyeting of this our commoun veill and countre

'And becaus thair is grete and wechtie materis to be tretit in this parliament it salbe best that we proceid to the begynning thairof

[1] Randolph to Cecil. The speech may, however, have been made in the Parliament of December 1564.

'And seing the auld ancient custome of this countre in the first day of the parliament was to chois the lordis of the articlis Thairfoir we mon proceid vnto the same

'It is thocht guid that thair be chosin aucht in nowmer of ilk ane of the thre estatis to the effect that caussis may be the better ressonit

'And thairfoir ye my lordis of the temporale estait mon chois the aucht lordis of the sprituale estait

'And ye my lordis of the sprituale estait mon chois the aucht lordis of the temporale estait

'And thaireftir all ye my lordis togidder mon chois aucht of the comyssaris of burrowis.

'Eftir the chosing of the saidis lordis of the articlis to caus thair names be red publictlie that is chosin and thair to declair to the haill estaitis that the saidis lords of articlis will sit in our Souerane Ladyes palice within the Abbay on the morne and will meit at owris to ressone vpoun sic thingis as is to be resoluit on in this present parliament And thairfoir desyir the estaitis and nobilitie to remane vnto sic thingis be resoluit as may convenyentlie be done

'Item to declair that the Quenis Maiestie wilbe in the Tolbuith vpoun Fryday nixtocum.'

As these 'heads of a speech' point probably to the beginning of Morton's official life, a document which is given in the Appendix to this Preface[1] may be said to mark its close. This is the formal Act fixing his right of precedency. He was now stript of office and power, but still honoured and ordained to

[1] Appendix to the Preface, No. 15.

have the first place in Council. Nothing in the order of the Privy Council is so remarkable, however, as the names of the lords by whom it was passed. Athol, Argyll, and all the courtiers who here did him honour felt no scruple in pursuing him to the death two years later.[1]

But the greater number of the documents composing the present volume are from the repositories of Lochleven.

The letter from James Stewart (afterwards Regent) to his mother,[2] has reference to an event in his life not generally known. He had entered into a contract of marriage with Christian, in her own right Countess of Buchan, while the lady was still an infant. The contract did not take effect; and she married his uterine brother Robert Douglas. Mr. Chalmers, whom it suits to throw all blame on Murray, has used very hard words in describing that transaction,[3] with which he was but imperfectly acquainted. The indignation of this letter seems genuine, and it certainly leaves the impression that others were more to blame than Murray in the misfortunes of the Countess of Buchan.

The 'Act for sequestrating the Queen's person,'[4] though it has been published before, with a fac-simile,[5] is yet properly included here, both as the original is preserved in the Charter-room at Dalmahoy, and as connected with the most interesting events of the family and castle of Lochleven.

The letter of Knox[6]—one of the few letters of correspondence of the Scotch Reformer that have been preserved—was probably

[1] The characteristic portrait of the Regent Morton, at Dalmahoy, has been engraved for Lodge. It is now in bad condition.

[2] Vol. i. No. 13, p. 9.

[3] Life of Queen Mary, vol. iii. pp. 126, 135, &c.

[4] Vol. i. No. 26, p. 24.

[5] Miscel. of Maitland Club, vol. i. p. 250.

[6] Vol. i. No. 49, p. 52.

written after the visitation under which he suffered in October 1570, and from which he only partially recovered. He was not in the habit of refusing his active aid in such matters as this letter refers to; but now he declines to interfere 'in that and all other cases worldly, for I have tacken my gude nycht of it.'

The Countess of Northumberland's letter[1] to her husband relates to another unhappy prisoner of Lochleven. The Lady's anticipations were too sadly verified, when, to the shame of Scotland, no less than of the Laird of Lochleven, the noble fugitive was 'delivered to the shambles.'

Several documents regarding the warding of the Laird of Lochleven, and his liberation from durance, are explained by documents at Dalmahoy, not printed. There are two Remissions under the Great Seal to William Douglas of Lochleven and to Robert Douglas 'fear' of Lochleven, for their share in the *Raid of Ruthven*—'pro arte, parte captivitatis et detentionis nostre persone &c. in loco de Ruthwen mense Augusti 1582.'[2]

Before concluding, it must be observed that several of the dates of the deeds in the Chartulary are erroneous, evidently through the carelessness of the engrossing scribe,[3] and it may

[1] Vol. i. No. 76.

[2] Dated respectively 29 Nov. and 27 Dec. 1583.

[3] Vol. ii. Nos. 14, 15, and 31. Thus, No. 15 is dated in the *second* year of the King's reign, (A.D. 1307,) but, as it evidently follows the grant of No. 16, dated in the tenth of the reign, (A.D. 1315,) its proper date is apparently the twelfth, A.D. 1317, (the scribe having apparently overlooked the numeral x of the regnal year.) In No. 31 of vol. ii. the date is the Vigil of Saint Mathias, (*Sancti Mathie*,) A.D. 1323—the 23d of Feb. 1324—a mistake of the scribe for the Vigil of Saint Mathew (*Sancti Mathei*)—the 20th of Sept., A.D. 1323—as is proved by the confirmation of King Robert I., (Vol. ii. No. 15,) dated on the 23d of the same month. That confirmation, however, is itself misdated, being given according to the Chartulary in the *eighth* year of the King's reign, (A.D. 1313,) instead of the eighteenth, (A.D. 1323,) the *decimo* being again omitted.

be allowed, for the benefit of future investigators, to mention that a great number of deeds contained in the Chartulary are not printed in the text. Such of these omitted deeds as seemed peculiarly to illustrate the Douglas family history, or to be of general importance or interest, are added in the Appendix to the Preface. The local antiquary will be well pleased to find along with the rentals of 1376, so useful for rural antiquities, ancient and minute Extents of Liddesdale, divided into its 'quarters,' and of the baronies of Stabilgorton and Watstirker. (Appendix, 17, 18, 19.)

On the last leaf of the venerable little Chartulary is a note of family jewels, which enumerates ten 'chenyeis of perllis,' with a great jewel in the middle of them, of which a representation is thus scratched

summing them up as follows :

'The sowm of all the perllis into x werkis of chenyeis is xxxix^{xx} (thirty-nine score) and a perll,' apparently exclusive of a quantity 'deliuerit to Dam Jamys to the wyrkyng of the chaplet.'

C. INNES.

POSTSCRIPT.

Among the Harleian Manuscripts, in the British Museum, there are twelve small volumes in octavo bound in two, containing Notes of the Morton Charters and Papers, for the purpose of illustrating the Genealogical History of the Family. They are not so described in the Catalogue, (*MSS. Harl.*, No. 6432-6443,) but they were compiled, it is believed, by David Symson, M.A., "that great Antiquary," and "Historiographer Royal for Scotland," as he is styled on the title-page of his "Genealogical and Historical Account of the illustrious Name of Stuart." Edinburgh, 1712, 8vo.

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APPENDIX.

Carta Malcolmi de Fyffe comitis facta Archibaldo [de Douglas filio] Willelmi de Douglas terrarum de Hyrdmanſtoun ·

1 Comes Malcolmus de Fyffe omnibus amicis ſuis et hominibus [preſens ſcriptum viſuris vel] audituris ſalutem · Sciant preſentes et futuri me dediſſe et conceſſiſſe et hac [preſenti] carta confirmaſſe Archebaldo de Douglas filio Willelmi de Douglas totam terram meam de Levingſtoun quam Willelmus de Kilmaron de me tenuit et totam terram meam de Hirmanſtoun quam idem Willelmus de me tenuit per rectas diuiſas ſuas et cum omnibus juſtis pertinenciis ſuis · Tenendas ſibi et heredibus ſuis de me et heredibus meis in feudo et hereditate in boſco et plano in [pratis et] paſcuis in moris et marreſiis in ſtagnis et molendinis et in omnibus aliis ayſiamentis ad predictas terras juſte pertinentibus adeo libere quiete plenarie et honorifice ſicut aliquis miles in toto regno Scocie feudum ſuum de comite uel barone liberius et quietius plenius et honorificentius tenet et poſſidet pro ſeruicio dimidii militis · Teſtibus Dauid fratre meo · Alexandro de Blare · Alano de Haus . . . . Elia filio Odonis · Adam Gormond · Michel filio [Maliton] · Johanne filio comitis de Marr · Merleſwyne filio comitis de Buchane · Ricardo Corbet · [Rogero] de Berclaye · Willelmo de Coggiſſale · Friſkyne decano Morauienſi · [Andrea de] Morau[ia] · Waltero Greg · Alano capellano · Hugone et Willelmo clericis · et multis aliis ·

Confirmacio regis Alexandri de Levyngſtoun et Hirdmanſtoun ·

2 Alexander Dei gratia rex Scottorum omnibus probis hominibus tocius terre ſue clericis et laicis ſalutem · Sciant preſentes et futuri me conceſſiſſe et hac carta mea confirmaſſe donacionem illam quam comes Malcolmus de Fyffe fecit Arkebaldo de Dufglas de tota terra de Levin[gſtoun] quam Willelmus de Kilmaron de eodem comite Malcolmo tenuit et de tota terra de Hirdmaneſtoun quam idem Willelmus de predicto comite Malcolmo tenuit · Tenendas ſibi et heredibus ſuis de predicto comite Malcolmo et heredibus ſuis per rectas diuiſas ſuas cum omnibus juſtis pertinenciis ſuis ita libere et quiete plenarie et honorifice ſicut carta predicti comitis Malcolmi predicto Arkebaldo inde facta teſtatur · ſaluo ſeruicio meo · Teſtibus Willelmo de Boſcho cancellario meo · Ada et Roberto capellanis meis · Alexandro vicecomite de Striueline · Johanne de Haya · Thoma de Striueline clerico cancellarie · Apud Striueline [xix] die Aprilis ·

[Carta Alexandri II. data P. comiti de Dunbar ·]

3 ALEXANDER dei gratia rex Scottorum omnibus probis hominibus totius . . . . ſalutem · Sciant preſentes et futuri nos in eſcambium terre de Trecquer quam . . . . noſtram contuleramus Patricio comiti de Dunbar nepoti noſtro . . . . carta noſtra confirmaſſe eidem Patricio comiti / pro homagio et ſeruitio / . . . . Dundaf et de Strathkawan que fuerunt foreſta noſtra · Tenendas et habendas Patricio comiti et heredibus ſuis et ſuis aſſignatis de nobis et heredibus noſtris in feodo et hereditate per rectas diuiſas ſuas et cum omnibus iuſtis pertinenciis . . . . et plano terris et aquis in pratis et paſcuis in moris et marreſeis in paſturis et molendinis cum ſacco et ſocca cum furca et foſſa cum tol . . . . et cum omnibus aliis ad dictas terras pertinentibus libere quiete bene et honorifice per ſerui-

tium tertie partis vnius militis · Conceſſimus etiam dicto Patricio ut ipſe et heredes ſui et ſui aſſignati habeant dictas terras de nobis et heredibus noſtris in liberum foreſtum adeo libere et quiete ſicut aliquis aliquam terram tenet in libero foreſto in toto regno noſtro / quare firmiter prohibemus ne quis dictum Patricium aut heredes ſuos uel ſuos aſſignatos moleſtare aut terram noſtram et libertates eidem ſuper hoc conceſſas injuſte vexare preſumat ſuper noſtram plenariam foriſfacturam decem librarum · Teſtibus Waltero filio Alani Juſticiario Scotie · Waltero Cumyn comite de Menteith comite .... Katanay .... Waltero filio Alexandri · Waltero Olifard juſticiario Laodonie . Alano hoſtiario · Waltero Byſet · Apud Kenmore ſeptimo die Julii anno ... regis viceſimo primo ·

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[Carta de Langneutoun abbreviata ·]

4 Omnibus .... Alanus Seneſcallus miles dominus de Vghtiltre ſalutem · ... Sciatis me de conſenſu et aſſenſu Johannis Seneſcalli filii mei et heredis dediſſe .... dilecto et ſpeciali meo domino Henrico de Douglas militi pro conſilio et auxilio ſuo mihi et predicto filio meo multipliciter impenſis totam terram meam de Langneutoun cum pertinenciis infra vicecomitatum de Roxburgh Tenendam .... domino Henrico .... de me .... in feodo et hereditate inperpetuum .... Faciendo inde .... domino ſuperiori ſeruicium debitum et conſuetum Et reddendo mihi et heredibus meis ſingulis annis vnum denarium tantum nomine albe firme apud Langneutoun in feſto Natiuitatis Sancti Johannis Baptiſte ſi petatur .... In cuius rei teſtimonium huic .... carte ſigillum meum eſt appenſum Hiis teſtibus domino Jacobo de Douglas domino de Dalketh · domino Willelmo de Douglas fratre eius · domino Johanne de Edmundiſtoun · domino Roberto Seneſcalli de Innermeth · militibus · Jacobo de Douglas de Strabrok · Johanne de Glene · Adam Forſtar · et Andrea de Ormyſtoun · cum multis aliis ·

[Carta de eodem abbreviata ·]

5 Omnibus .... Alanus Seneſcalli dominus de Vghtiltre ſalutem .... Sciatis me .... dediſſe .... domino Henrico de Douglas militi .... terram meam de Langnewtoun .... et illas centum ſolidatas terre vna cum toftis et croftis que iacent inter parietes quondam Hugonis Gamyl ex parte orientali et le Buly Rod ex parte occidentali in villa et territorio de Langnewtoun predictis .... que prius fuerunt Johannis Bane et que idem Johannes .... mihi .... reſignavit ac .... quiete clamauit inperpetuum · Tenendas .... in feodo et hereditate .... Faciendo inde .... ſuperiori domino ſeruicium debitum et conſuetum et reddendo inde mihi et heredibus meis ſingulis annis vnum denarium argenti nomine albe firme apud Langnewtoun ad feſtum Natiuitatis Beati Johannis Baptiſte ſi petatur tantum .... In cuius rei teſtimonium ſigillum meum preſentibus eſt appenſum · Teſtibus nobilibus viris dominis Roberto Seneſcalli fratre meo · Willelmo de Douglas · Johanne Seneſcalli filio meo · militibus · Jacobo de Douglas de Strabrok Alexandro de Cokburne · Thoma de Douglas · et pluribus aliis ·

[Preceptum Safine ·]

6 Alanus Seneſcalli miles dominus de Vghtiltre .... Johanni Seneſcalli militi filio noſtro Roberto de Leuyngiſtoune [et] Nicholao de Douglas ſalutem Quia dedimus .... domino Henrico de Douglas militi .... terram .... de Langnewtoune .... vobis .... mandamus quatenus .... indilate predicto domino Henrico vel .... actornato .... ſayſinam .... de dicta terra .... liberetis iuxta tenorem carte mee .... ad quod faciendum vobis .... poteſtatem .... concedimus .... ratum .... habentes .... quicquid vos vel vnus veſtrum in liberatione dicte ſayſine .... duxerit faciendum In cuius rei teſtimonium ſigillum noſtrum preſentibus eſt appenſum · Scriptum die Sabbati viceſimo die menſis Junii anno Domini milleſimo ccc^mo ſeptuageſimo ſeptimo ·

[Obligatio Alani Seneſcalli ·]

7 Omnibus .... Alanus Seneſcalli miles dominus de Vghtiltre ſalutem Quia infeodaui .... dominum Henricum de Douglas militem de .... terra .... in villa et territorio de Langneutoun .... pro ſe et heredibus ſuis Volo et concedo ac per preſentes fide media me obligo quod quandocunque contingat dictam terram .... a predicto domino Henrico vel heredibus ſuis per proceſſum iuris recuperari ego et heredes mei predicto domino Henrico vel heredibus ſuis infra annum immediate ſequentem ad duos terminos vſuales ducentas libras ſterlingorum proportionaliter perſoluemus apud monaſterium de Neubotle .... Et ad maiorem huius rei ſecuritatem inueni Johannem Seneſcalli filium meum et heredem fideiuſſorem meum et principalem debitorem qui ſe obligat ad ſolucionem predictam .... ſicut ego ſum ſuperius obligatus In cuius rei teſtimonium ſigillum meum vna cum ſigillo filii et heredis mei predicti preſentibus eſt appenſum Apud Edynburgh viceſimo ſexto die menſis Junii anno Domini milleſimo trecenteſimo ſeptuageſimo ſeptimo ·

[Carta xx librarum annuatim Henrico de Douglas ·]

8 Robertus dei gratia rex Scottorum omnibus probis hominibus tocius terre ſue clericis et laycis salutem · Sciatis nos dediſſe conceſſiſſe et hac preſenti carta noſtra confirmaſſe dilecto conſanguineo noſtro Henrico de Douglas militi viginti libras Sterlingorum de magna ſuſtuma noſtra burgi de Hadyngtoune annuatim percipiendas per manus ſuſtumariorum noſtrorum ciuſdem ad feſtum Pentecoſtes · Tenendas et habendas ac percipiendas eidem Henrico et kariſſime nepti noſtre Mariorie ſponſe ſue et eorum alteri diutius viuenti et heredibus inter ipſos legitime procreandis quibus deficientibus heredibus ipſius Henrici legitimis quibuſcumque in feodo et hereditate in perpetuum quouſque nos aut heredes noſtri

reges Scotie predictos Henricum et Marioriam aut eorum heredes predictos de viginti libratis terre infeodauerimus aut infeodauerint in loco competenti · In cuius rei teſtimonium preſenti carte noſtre noſtrum precepimus apponi ſigillum · Teſtibus venerabilibus in Chriſto patribus Willelmo et Johanne cancellario noſtro Sancti Andree et Dunkeldenſis eccleſiarum epiſcopis · Johanne primogenito noſtro de Carric Seneſcallo Scotie · Roberto de Fyf et de Menteth filio noſtro dilecto · Jacobo de Douglas conſanguineo noſtro / comitibus · Archebaldo de Douglas et Roberto de Erſkyne conſanguineis noſtris / militibus · Apud Edynburgh octauo die Januarii anno regni noſtri quarto decimo ·

Indentura inter dominum de Dalketh et dominum Johannem Hamiltoun ·

9 Hec indentura facta apud Dalketh primo die menſis Nouembris anno Domini milleſimo treſcenteſimo octogeſimo octauo inter nobiles viros dominum Jacobum de Douglas dominum de Dalketh ex parte vna et dominum Johannem de Hamyltoune dominum de Cadzow ex parte altera continet et teſtatur quod inter partes predictas concordatum eſt in forma que ſequitur videlicet quod dictus dominus Johannes deo volente capiet et in vxorem ducet Jacobam de Douglas filiam ſecundam domini Jacobi quamquidem Jacobam predictus dominus Johannes conjunctim faciet infeodari in integra baronia de Kinele cum pertinentiis et cum ſeruitiis libere tenentium in conſtabulario de Lynlythqw infra vicecomitatum de Edynburgh · Tenendam et habendam predicte Jacobe et heredibus inter ipſam et predictum dominum Johannem legittime procreandis quos etiam heredes predictus dominus Johannes faciet conſtituet et ordinabit ſuos veros heredes et legittimos ſucceſſores omnium terrarum ſibi pertinentium ſeu pertinere valentium qualitercumque infra regnum · Pro quo quidem maritagio coniuncta infeodatione premiſſis in omnibus ut premittitur faciendis prefatus dominus Jacobus de Douglas dabit et perſoluet predicto domino Johanni de Hamyltoune verum annuum valorem omnium ter-

rarum ſuarum quas poſſidet dctius dominus Johannes in proprietate die huius conuentionis ſecundum quod per fidelem recognitionem antiqui extentus dictarum terrarum valeat recognoſci in anno extendi in valore · Et inſuper prefatus dominus Jacobus de Douglas dabit et perſoluet predicto domino Johanni de Hamyltoune ſtatim poſt complementum dictorum matrimoniorum et coniuncte infeodationis dimidietatem antiqui extentus omnium tenementorum que de ipſo tenentur in capite per wardam vel releuium ubicumque infra regnum Ad quamquidem ſolutionem vt premittitur fideliter faciendam predictus dominus Jacobus de Douglas ſe et heredes ſuos obligat perſoluere predicto domino Johanni de Hamyltoune ſtatim poſt complementum dictorum matrimoniorum et coniuncte infeodationis centum mercas ſterlingorum et deinde ſingulis annis ad quemlibet terminum Penthecoſtes et Beati Martini quinquaginta mercas ſterlingorum et ſic de anno in annum et de termino in terminum ipſam ſolutionem ſucceſſiue continuabit quouſque dicta ſumma extentus terrarum et tenementorum predictorum vt premittitur predicto domino Johanni et heredibus ſuis plenarie fuerit perſoluta · Et ſi contingat quod abſit dictam Jacobam abſque herede inter ſe et predictum dominum Johannem legittime procreando in fata diſcedere concordatum eſt inter partes predictas quod predictus dominus Johannes de Hamyltoune et heredes ſui reddent perſoluent et refundent prefato domino Jacobo de Douglas et heredibus ſuis tantam ſummam pecunie bone et uſualis monete quantam dictus dominus Johannes recepit in maritagio cum dicta Jacoba ad tales terminos et locum ac modo conſimili ut antea ſibi fuerat perſoluta · Et ſi aliquo caſu diffortuito contingat dictam Jacobam per mortem fratrum ſuorum vel aliter ad hereditatem et dominium dicti domini Jacobi patris ſui futuris temporibus pervenire quod abſit ambe partes predicte volunt et concedunt quod filius ſenior ſiue junior qui ſuperſtes fuerit inter predictum dominum Johannem et dictam Jacobam procreatus legittime ſeu procreandus ipſam hereditatem acceptabit et gaudebit aſſumendo ſibi cognomen de Douglas et arma que gerit ex ſucceſſione dominus Jacobus antedictus · Et ad omnia et ſingula premiſſa fideliter in omnibus perimplenda ambe partes predicte

manus corporaliter aſtrixerunt · In cuius rei teſtimonium huius indenture partibus ſigilla partium predictarum alternatim ſunt appenſa loco die et anno ſupradictis ·

Vne clepe et vne call dune protectioun—

I apon the behalf of Sir J. de D. that here ſtandis ſayis to the R. that thar ſtandis that qwhar that he his landis his men thaire poſſeſſiounis and al thair gudis was vndir the ferme pece and the protectioun of owr Kyng Robert that now is Kyng of Scotland on Thuriſday neiſt before Yhole laſt paſſit thou come with otheris with the to the tounis of Newton and Dodyngſtoun in the Barony of Abircorne in the Conſtabelery of Lithcu within the Schirrefdome of Edinburgh / the qwhilk tounis the forſaid Sir J. has in malyng of Jonet Gourlay the dowchtir of qwhilome Sir Thomas of Erth Knicht / and thare wrangwiſely and aganis the law thou and tha that with the come tuk away twenty-one beiſtis oxin and ky ſtotis and grys of ſyndri eildis and ſyndri hewis that is to ſay blak broun rede and braundit / the price ten pounds of Sterlingis / doand to the fornemmit J. and til his men beforſaid il molest wrang and greif / brekand on him and his men the ferme pece and the protectioun of howre fornemmit Kyng Robert that nov is Kyng of Scotland / for the qwhilk doyng I ſoume the ſchame and the ſkath of the fornemmit J. and his men apon the R. / iiii^{c} li of Sterlingis / ſwilk as men byis and ſellis with in Scotland · and gif thou be the man that this nitis I ſal outrak it apon the as lauch of protectioun wil or as this gude court ſchewis me of lauch ·

[Quitantia Andree de Valoniis ·]

Pateat vniverſis per preſentes me Andream de Valoniis burgenſem de Lanark recepiſſe a nobiliſſima domina Marjoria de Lyndeſay ſponſa

quondam domini Henrici de Douglas militis et ab executoribus ejuſdem domini Henrici decem libras ſterlingorum unde teneo me ſolutum dictamque dominam Marioriam ac dictos executores necnon et heredes dicti quondam Henrici et omnes alios et alias quorum quarumque intereſt quietos et quietas imperpetuum per preſentes · In cujus rei teſtimonium ſigillum meum preſentibus eſt appenſum apud Perth die xxii · Octobris anno Domini m°. ccc°. nonageſimo tercio·

Preceptum domini locumtenentis . . . . pro domina Marioria de Lyndeſay · · · ·

12 DAUID regis Scocie primogenitus Dux Rothiſſaye Comes de Carric . . . . locumtenens dicti domini regis generaliter conſtitutus domino Jacobo de Douglas . . . . salutem · Sciatis quod recepimus vnum preceptum domini regis penes vig . . . . magni ſigilli cuius tenor ſequitur et eſt talis Robertus Dei gratia rex Scottorum primogenito noſtro Dauid duci Rothiſſaye Comiti de Carric et Marche Seneſcallo Scocie locumtenenti noſtro infra regnum generaliter conſtituto salutem · In parliamento noſtro [tento] apud Sconam vltimo die Februarii vltimo elapſo conqueſta fuit nobis Marioria de Lyndeſay relicta quondam Henrici de Douglas militis de Jacobo de Douglas . . . . domino de Dalketh ſuper diuerſis inſtrumentis ſibi factis tam penes tutelam Willelmi de Douglas filii ſui quam terciam ſuam ab ea per ipſum ut dicit iniuſte detentis ac eciam · · · · alia bona a Marioria de Douglas filia dicti quondam Henrici per eundem Jacobum iniuſte detenta / Super quam querelam ordinatum extitit et decretum quod locumtenens partes predictas vocari faciat coram ſe ſub premunitione viginti dierum ad docendum que earum partium ad dictum tutoris officium maius ius habeat et . . . . hinc inde partibus iudicet memoratum officium ſine vlteriori dilacione parti . . . . plenius oſtendenti Et omnia bona per partem aduerſam iniuſte capta ad dictam [Marioriam] pertinentia faciat debite reſtaurari parti huiuſmodi dampna

paſſe Penes vero [terciam] ſuam recuperandam eidem Mariorie locumtenens teneat ius commune Quare vobis .... precipiendo mandamus quatenus ea que in dicto decreto continentur in quantum veſtro incumbit officio quum et quoties ex parte dicte Mariorie fueritis requiſiti debite exequ .... cum effectu ita quod pro veſtro defectu amplius inde iuſtam queremoniam [non audiamus] Datum ſub teſtimonio noſtri magni ſigilli apud Perth octauo die menſis Maii ....

[Charge to the laird of Lochlewyn to enter as hoſtage in England.]

Rex.

13 Deyr frende We chargis yhow ſtratly in yhour allegeans that yhe addreſs yhow / as for ane / to paſs in Ingland in hoſtaygis for our deliuerance and at yhe be at Edinburgh at vs the fyrſt day of September nixt to cum and thayr to tak yhour journay but langer delay / For it is ſua appoyntyd that on nay way it may be delaite · Takand this in paciens / for God willande we ſall ſe weyll for yhour deliuerance / And in the meyntyme we ſall tak yhow and yhour landis vndyr oure ſpeciell reſpyt and protectione · Gewyn under oure preue ſeille at Edinburgh the xviij dai of Auguſt the yheir of oure regne the xxij ·

Dilecto et fideli noſtro
Henrico Douglesſ de Lochlewyn ·

Magna Carta Jacobi Douglas primi comitis de Mortoune omnium terrarum baroniarum ſuarum infraſcriptarum dominii et regalitatis de Dalketh · 1456 ·

14 JACOBUS dei gratia rex Scottorum omnibus probis hominibus totius terre ſue clericis et laicis ſalutem · Sciatis nos dediſſe conceſſiſſe et hac preſenti carta noſtra confirmaſſe dilecto conſanguineo noſtro Jacobo de Douglas filio primogenito et heredi dilecti conſanguinei noſtri Jacobi

domini de Dalkeith dominium et baroniam de Dalketh cum caſtro eiuſdem necnon baronias et terras ſubſcriptas Videlicet baroniam de Caldorcleire baroniam de Garmyltounedunyng necnon terras de Hauthornſek jacentes in baronia de Abircorne ac terras de Dechtment et Holdene cum pertinenciis jacentes in baronia de Weſtercaldore infra vicecomitatum noſtrum de Edinburgh ac etiam baroniam de Kilbothok baroniam de Neulandis / baroniam de Lintoune necnon terras de Eſtſchelis cum earundem terrarum et baroniarum pertinenciis et annexis et certas terras baronie de Kirkwrde et terrarum de Lochurde Quilt et Fethan cum pertinenciis necnon baroniam de Robertoune cum pertinenciis jacentem infra vicecomitatum noſtrum de Lanark et baroniam de Abirdowre cum caſtro eiuſdem cum pertinenciis / terras de Wodfeildecyre et Seyfeilde et duas Balbartanis cum molendino et eiuſdem ſequelis ac ceteris pertinenciis ſuis in conneſtabularia de Kingorne infra vicecomitatum de Fife ac tenementum de Hutoune cum pertinenciis jacens infra dominium de Anandirdail / terras de Mordingtoune cum pertinenciis jacentes infra vicecomitatum de Berwick · Quod quidem dominium de Dalketh et caſtra ſupradicta cum pertinenciis necnon baronie et terre prefate cum pertinenciis fuerunt dicti Jacobi patris hereditarie et quod dominium et caſtra predicta baronias et terras prefatas cum pertinenciis idem Jacobus non vi aut metu ductus nec errore lapſus ſed ſua mera et ſpontanea voluntate in manus noſtras apud Edinbwrgh coram ſubſcriptis teſtibus per ſuſtem et baculum et ſuos procuratores ad hoc legittime et ſufficienter conſtitutos ſurſum reddidit pureque ſimpliciter reſignauit ac totum jus et clameum que in dictis dominio caſtris baroniis et terris cum pertinenciis habuit ſeu habere potuit pro ſe et heredibus ſuis omnino quietum clamauit in perpetuum · Tenendum et habendum dictum dominium de Dalketh vnacum dictis caſtris cum pertinenciis necnon prefatas baronias de Dalkeith Caldorcleire et Garmyltounedunyng ac terras de Hauthornſek terras de Dechtment et Holdene / baroniam de Kilbothok / baroniam de Neulandis / baroniam de Lyntoune / terras de Eſtſchelis et certas terras baronie de Kirkwrde et terrarum de Lochwrde Quilt et

Fethan / necnon dictas baroniam de Robertoune et de Abirdowre vnacum dicto caſtro de Abirdowre ac etiam terras de Wodfeildecyre et Seyfeilde et duas Balbartanis cum molendino et eiuſdem ſequelis ac ceteris pertinenciis ſuis vnacum dicto tenemento de Hutoun et dictis terris de Mordingtoune cum vniuerſis et ſingulis dicti dominii ac etiam omnium et ſingularum dictarum baroniarum et terrarum pertinenciis et annexis predicto Jacobo de Douglas et heredibus ſuis de nobis heredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris in feodo et hereditate inperpetuum per omnes rectas metas ſuas antiquas et diuiſas prout jacent in longitudine et latitudine cum omnibus et ſingulis libertatibus commoditatibus et aſiamentis ac iuſtis pertinenciis ſuis quibuſcumque tam non nominatis quam nominatis ad dictum dominium caſtra baronias et terras ſupradictas cum pertinenciis ſpectantibus ſeu juſte ſpectare valentibus quomodolibet in futurum et adeo libere quiete / plenarie / integre / honorifice / bene et in pace in omnibus et per omnia ſicut dictus Jacobus pater aut ſui predeceſſores predictum dominium de Dalkeith et dicta caſtra cum pertinenciis / necnon dictas baronias et terras cum pertinenciis de nobis aut predeceſſoribus noſtris ante dictam reſignationem nobis inde factam liberius tenuit ſeu poſſedit / tenuerunt ſeu poſſederunt / reſeruato tamen dicto Jacobo patri pro toto tempore vite ſue libero tenemento dicti dominii de Dalketh et dictorum caſtrorum necnon omnium et ſingularum baroniarum et terrarum predictarum cum pertinenciis / exceptis baroniis de Robertoune et Kilbothok cum pertinenciis et de quibus duabus baroniis tam feodum quam liberum tenementum earundem baroniarum libere hereditarie pro perpetuo remanebunt cum dicto Jacobo filio et heredibus ſuis · Et reſeruata etiam rationabili tertia parte dicti dominii et omnium et ſingularum baroniarum et terrarum predictarum preterquam de dictis baroniis de Robertoune et Kilbothok cum pertinenciis Elizabeth ſponſe dicti Jacobi patris pro toto tempore vite ſue cum contigerit · In cuius rei teſtimonium preſenti carte noſtre magnum ſigillum noſtrum apponi precepimus · Teſtibus reuerendis in Chriſto patribus Jacobo conſanguineo noſtro cariſſimo et Georgeo Sancti Andree et Brechinenſis eccleſiarum epiſcopis / Willelmo

comite Orchadie et de Cathnes domino de Sanctoclaro noſtro cancellario et conſanguineo predilecto / dilectis conſanguineis noſtris Thoma domino Erſkin / Alexandro domino Montegomeri / Johanne domino Lindeſſay de Byris / Johanne domino Dernle / Patricio domino Halis et Alexandro Waſſare noſtrorum compotorum rotulatore · Apud Edinburgh octauo die menſis Septembris anno Domini milleſimo quadringenteſimo quinquageſimo ſexto et regni noſtri viceſimo ·

[The Earl of Morton ſworn of the Privy Council ·]

Apud Caſtrum de Striueling xij Junij Anno &c· lxxviij ·

Sederunt ·

Rex.
Joannes Comes Atholie Camerarius.
Archibaldus Comes de Angus.
Colinus Comes Ergadie.
Joannes Comes de Montrois.
Joannes Comes de Mar.
Hugo Comes de Eglintoun.
Willelmus Comes de Glencairne.
Andreas Comes de Rothes.
Georgius Comes de Caithness.

Willelmus Dominus Ruthven.
Patricius Dominus Lindesay.
Laurencius Dominus Oliphant.
Joannes Dominus Maxwell.
Joannes Dominus Hereis.
Jacobus Dominus Ogiluy.
Jacobus Dominus Innermeyth.
Georgius Dominus Seytoun.
Andreas Dominus Vchiltre.
Allanus Dominus Cathcart.
Allanus Dominus Sinclair.

Magiſter de Gray.
Magiſter de Forbes.
Epiſcopus Sanctiandree.
Epiſcopus Glaſguenſis.
Epiſcopus de Caithnes.
Epiſcopus Orchadenſis.
Epiſcopus Morauienſis.
Epiſcopus Abirdonenſis.
Epiſcopus Dunkeldenſis.
Epiſcopus Brechinenſis.

Commendatarius de Dunfermling.
Commendatarius de Dryburgh.
Commendatarius de Cumbuſkynnet.
Commendatarius de Culros.
Commendatarius de Incheauffray.
Commendatarius de Kilwynning.
Commendatarius de Newbottill.
Commendatarius de San&colmis Inche.

Commiſſarii Burgorum.
Archibaldus Stewart pro Edinburgh.
Willelmus Dominus Cathnenſis pro Perth.
Magiſter Jacobus Haliburtoun pro Dunde.
Joannes Lokhart pro Air.
Thomas Craufurde pro Glaſgow.
Robertus Foreſter pro Striueling.
Thomas Walwood pro San&androis.
Thomas Lichtoun pro Montrois.

The quhilk day in preſens of the Kingis Maieſtie Nobilitie and Eſtaittes aboue writtin James Erll of Mortoun Lord of Dalkeyth being admittit to be of his Maiefteis ordinar prevy Counſale quhill the Parliament appoyntit to be haldin at Edinburgh vpon the tent day of Julij nextocum And in reſpect of the charge he buir of befoir as Regent to his Hienes Ordainit to haue the firſt roume and place in Counſale maid fayth and gaif his aith be halding vp his hand That he ſuld gif his anfauld leill and trew Counſall in all thingis ſould happin to be proponit in Counſale tending to the honor and ſuirtie of his Maiefteis maiſt nobill perſon the common effairis of his realme and lieges thairof and keep the ſamyn ſecreit and unrevelit by any maner of way And to be reſponſall and accuſabill to his Hienes and his Eſtaittes of his Counſale And that he ſall remaine abyde and be reddy to gif his counſale and not departe without licence of his Maieſtie and remanent of the ſame Counſale ·

16 RENTALE QUARUNDAM BARONIARUM DOMINORUM DE DALKEITH. MCCCLXXVI.

MOLEND . . .

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DUE BOUATE TERRE ECCLESIASTICE

Aff. . .

LOUCHURDE

Affedatur Ricardo filio Alani Roberto filio Ade Rogero Wode Gregorio de Mofs Johanni Hird et Laurencio filio Ricardi ad terminum vnius anni pro viii li · plegio altero alterius.

Summa de Louchurde viii li ·

BARONIA DE KYLBOUHO.

RAW ET BLANDOWYNE

Affedantur Johanni filio Ade et Johanni Hyldfone ad terminum vnius anni pro x li · vi s · viii d · plegio altero alterius.

VILLA DE KILBOCHOKE

Affedatur Johanni Murokfone Thome de Cauldlaw Radulpho filio Willelmi et Matilde vidue [ad] terminum vnius anni pro viii li · et xii gallinis plegio altero alterius.

COTAGIA EIUSDEM

Quatuor cotagia affedantur pro xxvi s · viii d · videlicet Johanni de Tweddale Johanni Walch et Domino Johanni . . .

Eden Bondvyle cepit vnum cotagium pro antiqua firma quam eadem dicit eſſe vi s · viii d · cum iiii dietis plegio Willelmo Ker.

Matilda vidua cepit vnum cotagium ſicut prius pro vi s · viii d · et iiii dietis plegio Thoma Caldlaw.

Adam Lityll cepit vnum cotagium pro vi s · viii d · et iiii dietis plegio Thoma de Caldlaw.

Johannes Murokiſon cepit ii cotagia pro xiii s · iiii d · et viii dietis plegio Daw[id] filio Willelmi.

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GYLDLANDE CUM II COTAGIIS

Aſſedatur Willelmo Ker ad terminum vnius anni pro xxvi s · viii d · et viii dietis plegio Johanne Willelmi.

BREWLANDE CUM II COTAGIIS

Aſſedatur Willelmo fabro ad terminum vnius anni pro xvi s · viii d · plegio Thoma de Cauldlaw.

WETLANDE

Aſſedatur Johanni filio Ade et Johanni Hildſone ad terminum vnius anni pro v s · plegio altero alterius.

MOLENDINUM EIUSDEM

Aſſedatur Ade molendinario ad terminum vnius anni pro iii li · vi s · viii d · et paſcet vnum porcum ad lardarium domini ſi ſibi mittatur plegio Willelmo de Drouchhilde.

ORIENTALES DOMINICE DE KILBOCHOKE ET LE ORCHEARDE

Aſſedantur Willelmo Drouchilde et Ade molendinario ad terminum vnius anni pro xiii li · xvi s · viii d · plegio altero alterius.

OCCIDENTALES DOMINICE DE KILBOUCHOKE

Affedantur Roberto Hildfone Johanni Broun et Willelmo Scharp ad terminum vnius anni pro xiii li · vi s · viii d · plegio altero alterius.

Summa de Kylboucho in anno liiii li · v s · et ſic ad terminum xxvii li · ii s · vi d ·

WESTIRTOUN DE ESSCHELIS

Affedatur Johanni Cady Patricio filio Michaelis Johanni de Warde Chriſtiane de Wyne et Gilberto filio Ade ad terminum vnius anni pro xii li · plegio altero alterius.

ESTIRTOUN DE ESSCHELIS

Affedatur Willelmo de Burne et Thome filio Andree ad terminum vnius anni pro viii li · plegio altero alterius.

Summa de ii Eſſchellis in anno xx li · et ſic ad terminum x li ·

NEWLANDIS.

BORDLANDE

Affedatur Johanni filio Laurenti ad terminum vnius [anni] pro v li · vi s · viii d · plegio Jacobo Swayne.

BREWLAND

Affedatur Michaeli filio Johannis ad terminum vnius anni pro xxvi s · viii d · et vi gallinis plegio Andrea filio Johannis.

QWHITSYDE

In manu domini.

GLENMOTH

Affedatur Andree filio Johannis ad terminum vnius anni pro vi li · xiii s · iiii d · plegio Johanne filio Alexandri.

FLEMYNGTOUN

Affedatur Jacobo Swayne et Willelmo filio ſuo ad terminum vnius anni pro xii li · plegio altero alterius.

FREMANISLANDE

Affedatur Ade ciſſori ad terminum vnius anni pro xx s · plegio Andrea filio Johannis.

COLTHROP

Affedatur Johanni Watir Johanni filio Johannis et Willelmo filio Willelmi ad terminum vnius anni pro v li · et ii multonibus plegio altero alterius.

DROUCHHILDE

Affedatur Alano filio Henrici ad terminum vnius anni pro iiii li · plegio Andrea filio Johannis.

MOLENDINUM DE NEWLANDIS

Affedatur Andree filio Johannis ad terminum vnius anni pro xl s · et paſcet vnum porcum domino ſi ſibi mittatur plegio Johanne filio Alexandri.

Summa in anno xxxvi li · vi s · viii d · et ſic ad terminum xviii li · xiii s · iiii d ·

QUYLTE ET LE FETHEN

Affedantur Thome Stulp Laurencio filio Ade Ade filio Symonis Thome Bull Willelmo de Foreſt et Johanni filio Patricii ad terminum vnius anni pro x li · et ſoluent annuale plegio altero alterius.

LYNTOUNE.

VILLA EIUSDEM XVIII BOUATE TERRE

Affedatur Willelmo filio Johannis Ade Smot Dauid filio Johannis Thome Smyth Thome filio Alexandri Willelmo Small Ade filio Thome Johanni Swayne et Johanni Lawson ad terminum ii annorum quolibet anno pro x li · xiii s · iiii d · plegio altero alterius.

COTAGIA EIUSDEM VIDELICET IIII

BREWLANDE

DUE BOUATE DE SWYNBURNLAND

Antiqua stent .... marce.

Affedantur Willelmo Menar ad terminum ii annorum primo anno pro xviii s · et ſecundo anno pro xx s · et tenetur edificare ſufficientem domum plegio altero alterius.

MOLLISLANDE

Antiqua stent iiii marce.

Affedatur Waltero filio Ade ad terminum vnius anni pro xl s · plegio Willelmo de Menar.

BAWDWYNISGILL

Aſſedatur Willelmo filio Johannis ad terminum vnius anni pro v li. plegio Johanne Lawson de Lyntoun.

QWHITFEILDE

Aſſedatur Willelmo filio Ade et Dauid Purdy pro iiii li · vi s · viii d ·

Summa baronie de Lyntoun in anno xxii li · xviii s · et ſic ad terminum xi li · ix s ·

KIRKURDE

Aſſedatur Alano filio Gilberti et Thome filio Patricii ad terminum vnius anni pro v li · plegio Waltero filio Alani.

MAYDVEN

Aſſedatur Willelmo de Newbiging ad terminum vnius anni ſub iſta condicione videlicet quod ſi dominus dictam terram ſurſum non reddiderit dictus Willelmus illam habebit pro xx s · plegio Johanne filio Willelmi.

Summa Kyrkurde et Maydven vi li ·

ANNUALI DE HOIPEKELYHO · ANNUALI DE NEWBI

x li · xiii s · iiii d ·

TERRA DE HARDIGTOUN

Peblys in anno ix^{xx} ix li · iii s · preter Horſebruke et Qwhyt Ade et ſic ad terminum preſentem iiii^{xx} xiiii li · vi s · vi d · preter xl s · de gerſum de Eſſchellis.

RENTALE DE TYBRIS DE MORTOUN DALFUBILL GARVALDE DE BUTYLL ET DE MOFFET DE ASSEDACIONE ANNI &c. LXX^mi VII ET LEUACIONE ANNI LXX^mi VIII.

ASSEDACIO TERRARUM DE TYBRIS ET MORTOUN ET GARVALDE BUTILL MOFFET ET PRESTOUNE FACTA APUD DRUMFRES XV DIE MENSIS MARCII ANNO &c. LXX° VI^to.

DUBELAUCH

Affedatur Ingramo filio Dungalli ad terminum vnius anni pro xl s · plegio Symone filio Padine.

GLENCREACH

Affedatur Johanni filio Fergufii ad terminum trium annorum primo anno pro xxvi s · viii d · ii^o anno pro xxxii s · iii^o anno pro xxxvi s · plegio Thoma Hunter.

DALNAW

Affedatur Symoni filio Padini ad terminum vnius anni pro xl s · plegio Ingramo filio Dungalli.

CLAUCHANE

Affedatur Michaeli filio Gylis ad terminum vnius anni pro antiqua firma quam idem dicit eſſe xiii s · iiii d · plegio Ingramo filio Dungalli.

BREWLAND CUM LE STALLAGE

Affedatur Mychaeli M'Cleiſch ad terminum vnius anni pro iii s · iiii d ·

CLAUCHHOPE

Jacobus Raa tenetur ſoluere antiquam firmam pro eo quod ſummonitus fuerat ad comparendum coram domino et non comparuit pro terra ſua accipienda vel ſurſum reddenda.

LOUCHIRBANE

Affedatur Alexandro Porter ad terminum vnius anni pro iiii li · plegio Thoma Hunter.

Jacobus Ra tenetur in antiqua firma perfoluenda pro eo quod fummonitus fuerat ad comparendum coram domino et non comparuit pro terra fua accipienda vel furfum reddenda.

TERRE DOMINICE

Affedantur Patricio M'Re ad terminum vnius anni pro xxxiii s · iiii d · plegio Thoma Hunter.

VILLA DE TYBRIS

Affedatur Patricio M'Rey ad terminum vnius anni pro antiqua firma quam dicunt effe xliiii s · videlicet ii terre hufband' et i bouata cum dimidia et querendum eft quanta terra remanet.

Adam Aylmer cepit vnum cotagium cum le brewland ad terminum anni pro xi s · si dominus noluerit eam in propria manu retinere.

AUCHIRDILAKDY

Affedatur Cuthberto M'Narne ad terminum vnius anni pro xii s · plegio Willelmo filio Walteri.

MOLENDINUM

In manu Thome Hunter.

KNOKYNCHANGILL

In manu Nicholai de Drumfres.

AUCHINBREK

Affedatur Patricio de Bryn et Johanni M'Lefe ad terminum vnius anni pro xxxiii s · iiii d · plegio altero alterius.

AUCHINGASSYLE

Affedatur Donaldo filio Fergucii ad terminum vnius anni pro xxvi s · viii d · plegio Patricio M'Rey.

CLONYNGARTH

Affedatur Michaeli M'Cleiſch ad terminum iiii annorum primo anno pro x s · ii° anno pro xi s · iii° anno pro xii s · et iiii° anno pro xiii s · iiii d · plegio Thoma Hunter.

Thomas Walker et Raynaldus M'Pudirlane tenentur soluere antiquam firmam pro eo quod ſummoniti fuerunt ad comparendum et non comparuerunt coram domino ad ſuum pent' faciendum et nihilominus terra permanet in manu domini.

KNOCBANE

Affedatur Gilmor Macneſche ad terminum vnius anni pro iiii s · vi d · plegio Michaeli filio Gillicriſti.

AUCHNACHT

Affedatur Patricio Makre ad terminum vnius anni pro vi s · viii d · et ſi plus queri poterit de illo plus tunc ſoluet.

ERNHANANE · CLOVYNCUDE

Affedantur M'Cleri ad terminum vnius anni pro xvi s · plegio Cudberto M'Narne.

Summa de Tybris in anno xx li · x d · et ſic ad terminum x li · v d · preter Clauhope molendinum Knokyncangyll.

MORTOUNE.

THORNHILL

Affedatur Willelmo filio Alani Thome de Dargavane Johanni filio Laurencii Roberto de Couqwhalane Michaeli M'Gilrey Donaldo Wyly Thome Lambe Mariote de Blare Johanni de Dargavell et Thome Scot ad terminum vnius anni pro ix li · vi s · viii d · ſub iſta condicione quod ſi dominus acceperit Mortounholme ad vſum ſuum tunc faciet dominus pent' cum tenentibus prenotatis ſi voluerint plegio altero alterius.

DOBTOUN

Affedatur Laurencio Newale Gilberto filio Ade Ade filio Alani Johanni Rede Malcolmo de Buchane Thome filio Gilcriſti Patricio de Buchane Thome filio Roberti et Tawus M'Gilleſe ad terminum vnius anni pro ix li · vi s · viii d · ſub condicione prenotata plegio altero alterius.

ERISMORTOUN

Affedatur Thome Hunter et Gilcriſto Herwynd ad terminum vnius anni pro vi li · xiii s · iiii d · plegio altero alterius.

DRUMCORKE

Affedatur Roberto de Eccleſia Hugoni de Foreſta Hugoni de Rowkell et Ibbote Wales ad terminum ii annorum primo anno pro vii li · vi s · viii d · et ſecundo anno pro viii li · plegio pro Roberto de Eccleſia Johanne filio Alani et pro Hugone de Rowkell plegio Willelmo filio Alani et plegio pro Ibbota Wales Gilberto filio Duncani et pro Hugone de Foreſt plegio Donaldo Wyly.

PARCUM DE MORTOUNE

Affedatur Gilberto filio Duncani ad terminum unius anni pro vi li · xiii s · iiii d ·

LAUCHT

Affedatur Gilberto filio Duncani ad terminum vnius anni pro xl s · xl d ·

Summa de Mortoun in anno xli li · x s · et ſic ad terminum xx li · xv s · preter molendinum.

MOLENDINUM DE MORTOUNE

Thomas de Mortoun tenetur ſoluere pro eo firmam pro qua illud prius accepit videlicet pro viii li · et iii quarteriis braſii eo quod non accepit ad terminum nec ſufficienter ſurſum reddidit ad exitum termini ſcilicet ſe intromittente cum molendino poſt terminum.

Summa molendini viii li · in anno et ſic ad terminum iiii li ·

DALFUBILL · GARVALDE.

VILLA DE DALFUBILL

Affedatur Willelmo filio Johannis Willelmo Ruſſell Nigello filio Gelyſe Symoni filio Reginaldi Thome de Rowle Johanni filio Thome Thome Witty Johanni Stut Ade Couper Thome filio Reginaldi Gilcriſto filio Gilberti Johanni filio Johannis et Thome de Duncoll ad terminum trium annorum primo anno pro xvii li · vi s · viii d · et quolibet anno duorum annorum ſequencium pro xviii li · xiii s · iiii plegio altero alterius.

MOLENDINUM

Affedatur Domino Roberto rectori de Tynwald et Martino M'Cubyn ad terminum vnius anni pro viii li · plegio altero alterius.

GARVALDE

Affedatur Thome filio Nyuini Ade Wode Johanni clerico Johanni Cruke

Johanni Dicſone Johanni M'Cuk Ricardo de Aula Ricardo M'Cuk Thome Boyis et Andree M'Cuk ad terminum vnius anni pro x li · plegio altero alterius.

MIKILHOLME · AUCHINSKEACH · ESKNOKIS

Aſſedantur Martino M'Cubyne pro antiqua firma quam tenentes dicunt eſſe viii li · et dominus x li · plegio Johanne Wode.

MOLYNE

Aſſedatur Ibbote Gray Willelmo Gray et Willelmo Porter ad terminum vnius anni pro iii li · xiii s · iiii d · et vna xii^na gallinarum plegio altero alterius.

RAHILL

Aſſedatur Thome Blak et Johanni Scot ad terminum vnius anni pro xl s · plegio altero alterius.

MUNYGEP

Aſſedatur ii li · xiii s · iiii d ·

CRUNYHATOUN

Aſſedatur Roberto filio Niuini Thome filio Ade Johanni Gilaſpiſon et Johanni filio Andree ad terminum vnius anni pro iii li · vi s · viii d · plegio altero alterius.

Summa de Dalfubill in anno lv li · et ſic ad terminum xxvii li · x s ·

BARONIA DE BUTILL.

CLOUCHLARBANE

Affedatur Gilberto filio Gilberti ad terminum vnius anni pro vi s · viii d ·

AMBRENES

Affedatur Gilberto filio Gilberti Patricio M'Gilqwhud Gilberto M'Wren Patricio M'Gilalwy Gilberto M'Gillyu Gilberto M'Cumyne Gilberto M'Gilfud Henrico M'Alcok et Johanni de Herwyne ad terminum vnius anni pro x li · plegio altero alterius.

MARNAUCH

Affedatur Thome filio Gilberti Waltero Harper et Patricio Walter ad terminum vnius anni pro xx s · plegio Thoma Makgilvane.

BARTEANE

Affedatur Willelmo filio Domini Mathei ad terminum vnius anni pro xx s · plegio Thoma filio Gilberti.

CASTELGOUR

Affedatur Thome filio Gilberti ad terminum trium annorum primo anno pro vi li · fecundo anno pro vi li · vi s · viii d · et tercio anno pro vi li · xiii s · iiii d · plegio Gilberto filio Gilberti.

BREKAUCHLUG

Affedatur Gilberto filio Gilberti Michaeli M'Hay et Matheo M'Nab ad terminum vnius anni pro vi li · vi s · viii d · plegio altero alterius.

MIKILBREKAUCH

Affedatur Gilberto filio Gilberti Gilberto M'Guffok Andree filio vidue

Johanni M'Orry Gilberto M'Corrill Thome M'Gilrewy Johanni M'Crikir Johanni M'Claffirdy Andree fulloni et Donaldo M'Gilreigne ad terminum vnius anni pro xiii li · plegio altero alterius.

DUO KNOKIS

Affedantur Willelmo M'Moryne Dungallo M'Alayne Gilqwhongill Aſchenane et Moricio filio clerici ad terminum vnius anni pro iiii li · iii s · iiii d · plegio altero alterius.

BALGIRDANE

Affedatur Johanni fulloni et Johanni ciffori ad terminum vnius anni pro v li · plegio altero alterius.

LOGANE ET PORTHULY

Affedantur Johanni filio Ade Michaeli filio Ade et Willelmo Gudokſone ad terminum vnius anni pro vi li · xiii s · iiii d · plegio altero alterius.

CLAK · · · YIS

Affedatur pro iii li · vi s · viii d ·

VILLA DE BUTYLL

Affedatur Johanni Periſinan Johanni Studehird Michaeli Couper et Colyno filio Hugonis ad terminum vnius anni pro vii li · xiii s · iiii d · plegio altero alterius.

MUNCHYSE

Affedatur Gilberto filio Gilberti ad terminum vnius anni pro iii li · xiii s · iiii d.

TORWARDE · TYBIRNES · CUM DIMIDIA MARCATA TERRE DE CULNAW

Affedantur Patricio Makakake et Willelmo Studhirde ad terminum trium

annorum primo anno pro iii li · ſecundo anno pro iii li · iii s · iiii d · et tercio anno pro iii li · vi s · viii d · plegio altero alterius.

Summa in anno iii^{xx}x li · xvi s · viii d · et ſic ad terminum xxxv li · viii s · iiii d ·

MOLENDINUM

In manu Gilberti filii Gilberti.

PRESTOUNE.

GLENWALDY

Aſſedatur Thome filio Jonete Johanni filio Gilberti Johanni clerico Johanni filio Patricii Gilberto filio Gilcriſti Johanni Owſtyne Thome de Bek et Mauricio McNab ad terminum vnius anni pro viii li · plegio altero alterius.

VILLA DE PRESTOUN

Aſſedatur Johanni filio Walteri Gilberto filio Michaelis Johanni McKethirryke Gilberto filio Mordaci Willelmo McCaſſane Andree ciſſori Andree Scolfyne Alano filio Bricii Johanni Rewfane et Andree filio prioris ad terminum vnius anni pro xii li · plegio altero alterius et ſoluent vnam marcam pro ſecta ſua.

MOLENDINUM

Aſſedatur Philippo filio Gilcriſti ad terminum vnius anni pro iii li · vi s · viii d ·

Summa Preſtoun in anno xxiii li · vi s · viii d · et ſic ad terminum xi li · xiii s · iiii d ·

TERRE INFRA VALLEM DE MOFFET.

LE COR

Affedatur Johanni Marſchell Willelmo filio Donaldi et Roberto filio Willelmi ad terminum vnius anni pro vii li · vi s · viii d · plegio altero alterius.

NEWTOUN

Affedatur Roberto Boyle et Waltero Sprot ad terminum vnius anni pro vi li · xiii s · iiii d · plegio altero alterius.

GRAMPTOUN

Affedatur Johanni filio Willelmi Johanni Joppiſon et Alano Jopſone ad terminum vnius anni pro vii li · vi s · viii d · plegio altero alterius.

TERRE DOMINICE DE MOFFET

TERRA DE TORTHORALDE

VILLA DE MOFFET

Affedantur Waltero filio Symonis iiii bouate terre ad terminum vnius anni pro xx s ·

Adam de Huke tenetur ſoluere antiquam firmam pro eo quod ſurſum reddidit terram ſuam et nullum plegium potuit inuenire et nichilhominus terra ſtat in manu domini.

Thomas Porter tenetur ſoluere domino x s · pro defectu comparent' cum fuerit ad pent' ſummonitus et nichilominus terra ſtat in manu domini.

Johannes filius Mathei cepit ii bouatas terre ad terminum vnius anni pro x s ·

COTAGIA EIUSDEM

Walterus filius Symonis cepit ii cotagia cum dietis pro vi s·

Thomas Potter cepit vnum cotagium cum dietis pro iii s·

Johannes Yhung cepit i cotagium quod Thomas Smith tenuit pro iii s· cum dietis.

Thomas Potter vnum cotagium pro ii s·

Item Dominus Marcus cepit domum cum aera terre ad terminum vnius anni pro vi s· viii d· Walterus filius Simonis respondebit pro isto anno.

Summa huius in anno xxiiii li· vii s· iiii d· et fic ad terminum xii li· iii s· viii d·

MOLENDINUM EIUSDEM

ANNUI REDDITUS DE VUIRDRIFE

xl s·

MORDYNGTOUN

Affedatur Patricio de Paxtoun ad terminum trium annorum primo pro xvi li· ii° anno pro xvii li· vi s· viii d· iii° anno pro xviii li· xiii s· iiii d·

Summa de Mordyngtoun in anno xvi li· et fic ad terminum viii li·

RENTALE DE ABIRDOURE DE ASSEDACIONE ANNI LXX^tVII ET DE LEUACIONE ANNI LXXVIII.

DAUCHY v li · vi s · viii d ·

Aſſedatur Johanni Sithowſone [et] Sithow Cant ad terminum ii annorum quolibet anno pro v li · xiii s · iiii d · et dimidia celdra auene exceptis multonibus et gallinis plegio altero alterius.

TELNY v li · vi s · viii d ·

Aſſedatur Sithow Cant Johanni Sithowſone Willelmo de Hill Johanni Broune Willelmo filio Johannis Johanni Mauldſone Willelmo Yhunger Willelmo Cant Willelmo Smert et Matheo filio Johannis ad terminum vnius anni pro v li · xiii s · iiii d · et hoc quod dederunt in anno precedenti exceptis partibus ſuis multonum et gallinarum plegio altero alterius.

SMYTHISLANDE xli s · viii d ·

Aſſedatur eiſdem huſbandis preter Johannem Sithowſone et Sithow Cant et Matheo Johnſone ad [terminum] vnius anni pro xl s · xl d · exceptis partibus ſuis multonum et gallinarum plegio altero alterius.

COTELANDE xliii s ·

Aſſedatur eiſdem huſbandis videlicet Matheo Johnſone Willelmo Smert Willelmo Cant Willelmo Yhunger Johanni Mauldſone Willelmo Johnſone Johanni Broune et Willelmo de Hill ad terminum vnius anni pro xlvi s · viii d · plegio altero alterius.

BRACINA xx s ·

Aſſedatur Matheo Johnſone ad terminum vnius anni pro xx s · et tenetur edificare domum excepta parte ſua multonum et gallinarum plegio Johanne Schurthouſe.

AGISMARTE · LE MEDOW

Affedantur

MORIELL xl s ·

Affedatur huſbandis ad terminum vnius anni pro xl s · exceptis partibus ſuis multonum et gallinarum plegio altero alterius.

BREKAUCH xx s ·

Affedatur huſbandis ad terminum vnius anni pro xx s · exceptis partibus ſuis multonum et gallinarum plegio altero alterius.

TERRE DOMINICE xii li ·

Affedantur huſbandis videlicet Matheo filio Johannis Willelmo Smert Willelmo Cant Willelmo Yhunger Johanni Auldſon Willelmo Johnſon Johanni Broun et Johanni Schurthouſe ad terminum vnius anni pro x li · xiii s · iiii d · et xvi bollis ordei plegio altero alterius.

BRACINA

Affedatur Johanni Schurthouſe ad terminum vnius anni pro xx s · excepta parte ſua multonum et gallinarum plegio Matheo Mauldſone.

Summa iſtius videlicet Abirdour in anno xxxi li · x s · et ſic ad terminum xv li · xv s · iiii celdre auene xvi bolle ordei iiii multones et ii duodene gallinarum.

KYNGORNE.

ESTIRBALBRETANE

Affedatur Ricardo Starke Michaeli filio ſuo et Johanni filio Thome ad terminum ii annorum primo anno pro v li · et vno quarterio auene et ſecundo anno pro v li · vi s · viii d · et vno quarterio auene plegio altero alterius.

WESTIRBALBRETANE

Affedatur Domino Bartholomeo et Galfrido Andiſone ad terminum vnius anni pro v li · vi s · viii d · exceptis multonibus et gallinis plegio [altero] alterius cum vno quarterio auene.

MOLENDINUM

Affedatur Willelmo Qwhitbrow ad terminum quolibet anno pro iii li · vi s · viii d ·

TYRY ET SEFELD CUM LE GRAUNGE

Ad terminum Pentecoſtes dabunt viii marcas de annuo redditu et ad terminum Beati Martini dabunt iii celdras frumenti.

LE MEDOW X S ·

Summa de Kyngorne ad terminum Pentecoſtes xii li · xiii s · iiii d · le Medow x s · ad Pentecoſten et ad terminum Martini vi li · xvi s · viii d · et le Medow v s ·

WDDFELD

In manu domini

KYNNOWLE

Aſſedatur ad terminum vnius anni pro xviii li · xiii s · iiii d · et ſic ad terminum ix li · vi s · viii d ·

HERTHORNHILL

Aſſedatur Thome filio Ricardi Roberto Haſty Thome Briſbane et Johanni Haſty ad terminum vnius anni pro x li · plegio altero alterius.

HARDIGTOUN

Aſſedantur Waltero Gray ad terminum vnius [anni] iiii bouate terre pro xiiii s · et ſi alique alie bouate eiusdem ville carius aſſedantur in voluntate domini erit ad ampliandum ad eandem ſummam ſicut alie.

SCRALYNE

Aſſedatur Ade de Belfurde Willelmo Sumer et Thome Markeſoun ad terminum vnius anni pro iii li · vi s · viii d · videlicet viii bouate terre et v cotagia cum dimidio plegio altero alterius.

Item aſſedatur Thome Dicſoun vna bouata terre ad terminum vnius anni pro vi s · plegio Willelmo Sumer.

MOLENDINUM FULLONIS

Aſſedatur Willelmo de Lyntoun videlicet ſexta pars ad terminum vnius anni pro viii s · x d · obolo et ſexta parte denarii.

Summa huius iiii li · xviii d · et ſexta pars denarii.

EXTENTUS TERRARUM VALLIS DE LYDELL.

17	Grenehow	xx marce
	Wichſtalys	iiii marce
	Gildſchaw	vi s · viii d ·
	Burnehouſe	iii s · iiii d ·
	Redemos	xii s ·
	Wedonſcelis	xiiii s ·
	Stanygill	v s ·
	Seneſchelis	ii marce
	Foulwod ſuperior	x s ·
	Foulwod inferior	x s ·
	Carglas	xxiiii s ·
	Noua clauſura	iiii s ·
	Conihayth	iii s . iiii d ·
	Todholys	iiii s ·
	Pollok	ii s ·
	Gilleſtede	ii s ·
	Gilhouſe	iiii s ·
	Todiſtede	iiii s ·
	Alcokſtede	x s ·
	Locus Willelmi Sturhes	vi s · viii d ·
	Locus Croyſer	v s ·
	Gumereſtede	vi s · viii d ·
	Wyntirſchel	xiii s · iiii d ·
	Gumyrtrytſtede	v s ·
	Mylneholme	xv s ·
	Watmylnerſted	iiii s ·
	Milnehouſe	v s · ix d ·

Gopiſhalch	iiii marce
Gubiſley maior	xxii s · viii d ·
Guſbyſley minor	viii s ·

Summa huius quarterii xxx ℔ · x s · v d ·

Quarterium de Ludne.

Piperſtede	iiii s ·
G	iii s ·
Har	ii s ·
Wllayk	v s ·
Blakburne	vi s ·
Holſchel	v s ·
Wllayk maior	xviii s ·
Ra	xvi s ·
Ran	· · s ·
Aldſchelis	· · ·
Greneſchelis	· · ·
Barbarſtede	· · ·
Dawdemoundſtede	· · ·
Locus Fethyng	· · ·
Locus Loumane	· · ·
Locus Willelmi filii Alani	· · ·
Locus Ricardi de Roule	· · ·
Lawyhalch	iii ℔ ·
Hyrtiſgarth	iii s ·
Carryſchelis	iiii s ·
Locus Willelmi del Syde	viii s ·

Brocholey	viii s ·
Stanyhalch	viii s ·
Langhalgh	x s ·
Bulayſtede	viii s ·
Hyrtyſtede et Peryſynocſtede,	v s ·
Hyrtys	xii s ·
Ragarthſchaw	vi s ·
Toftys	v marce

Summa huius quarterii xviii ℔br · xi s · viii d ·

QUARTERIUM DE ERMYLDOUNE.

Newland de Ermyldoun	xiii s · iiii d ·
Hetreis	xv s ·
Terra Johannis Rauffon	xvi s ·
Locus Ricardi Broun	xii s ·
Heſylbankſtede	xiii s · iiii d ·
Hyrtiſtede	ii s ·
Rich · · · · fonſtede	xvi s ·
Crawflat	xiiii s ·
Hoghouſe	xv s ·
· · · · Grevyſtede	xvi s · viii d ·
Locus Thome Gilſon	viii s ·
Gubacſtede	x s ·
Buldirbaynſtede	iiii s ·
Heylandys	xv s ·
Dolfyneſonſtede	x s ·
Grethmanſtede	xiiii s ·

Locus Ade de Syde	xvi s ·
Lewynleys	xvi s . ii d .
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.....	xxxviii s ·
.....	v marce
.....	ii s · vi d ·
..... yngſonſtede	xiiii s · iiii d ·
..... ley	vi s · viii d ·
[Locus] Elie Nobill	vi s ·
[Locus Da]uid Stodhirde	xxxiii s · iiii d ·
Rampyſgill	xiii s · iiii d ·
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Letter from King James V. to James Earl of Mortoun ·

REX ·

1 Treſt Couſing and Counſalour We greit ȝou weill / and hes reſſauit ȝour writenis / and to ȝour deſyr of our licence to Contract Mariage betwix Robert Maxwell ſone and apperand ayr til our Couſing Robert lord Maxwell and ȝour dochtyr our nece / We ar hartly content of the ſamyn Conforme to our mynd ſchawin to ȝou be our other writenis of befor Subſcriwit with our hand At Falkland the xvij day of Junij ·

JAMES R ·

Conſanguineo et conſiliario noſtro dilecto Jacobo
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The King to the Earl and Counteſs of Mortoun ·

REX ·

2 Richt weilbelouit / Couſing and traiſt counſalour We grete ȝow hertlie weile and ffor ſamekle as it is ſchewin till Ws that our ſiſter and ȝe thinkis to contract mariage and allia our nece ȝour ȝongar dochter with Robert Maxwell ſone to our couſing Robert lord Maxwell off the quhilk We ar hertlie wele content and erar with him nor any uther ffor we purpoſe to

tak him fra his fadir and bring him vp in our awne houſe / ꝛ god haue ȝow in keping Subſcriuit with oure hand at Edinburgh the xxj day of Julij ·

JAMES R ·

To our derreſt couſing ꝛ traiſt counſalour James erle of Mortoun and our derreſt ſiſter his ſpouſe ꝛc ·

Precept by the King to Robert Lord Maxwell and to John of Maxwell his brother in favour of the Counteſs of Mortoun ·

REX ·

3 Welebelouit Couſing We grete ȝou wele Forſamekle as It is humelie menyt to ws be our louit ſiſter Katherine Countas of Mortoun that quhare ſcho hes of ws in few the landis and barony of Buthil and has maid gude and thankfull payment to oure Comptrollar of all malis and dewiteis awand to ws thairof ſen ſcho gat the ſaidis landis in few / and ȝe withhald fra hir ane grete part of the malis of the ſamyn extending to thre hundreth merkis of termes bygane Nochtwithſtanding oure Comptrollare is payit be hir of the ſaid malis And als ſcho is planetuis that ȝe haue ane bruther of ȝouris callit Johnne of Maxwell quhilk withhaldis fra hir the manys of Preſtoun callit the Wrayes quhilk is hir conjunctfeftment / all malis and proffittis of the ſamyn of thir thre ȝeris bygane be ȝour tollerance / conſidering ȝe ar ſchiref to ws and ballie to our ſaid ſiſter We merwell that ȝe thole ſic manifeſt wrangis to be done within the boundis of ȝoure office Tharefore We charge ȝou as ye will eſchew oure hie diſpleſure that ȝe mak and cauſe ȝour bruther to mak thankfull payment to our ſaid ſiſter of all termes bygane and tocum for ſcho hes optenit our lettres on ȝou in the ferd forme / And We will thole thame to proceid according to Juſtice without ȝe mak and caus to be maid thankfull payment to hir of all termes bygane and to cum of the ſaidis landis Subſcriuit with our hand At Edinburgh the xij day of Maij and of oure Regnne the xvj ȝere ·

JAMES R.

Exemption by the King to James Erle of Mortoun from all oiſtis &c.

REX.

4 We underſtand that our weilbelovit Couſing and Counſaloure James erle of Mortoun Lord of Dalkeith is ſubject to diverſe ſeiknes and infirmiteis in his perſoun havand ane ſare leg and not habill to endure grete travel in weirfare without extreme danger in his perſoun And thairfore We have exemit our ſaid couſing as for his awne perſoun and ſex ſervandis with him fra all our oiſtis radis wappinſchawingis and weris be ſey or land within our realme or outwith for all the dayis of his life &c. &c. Gevin under our privie Seill and ſubſcrivit with our hand At Edinburgh the xix day of October And of our Regnne the xvj ȝere.

JAMES R.

From the King to the Counteſs of Mortoun.

REX.

5 Weilbelouit ſiſter We grete ȝow hertly weill ſforſamekill as We have writin to our traiſt couſing ȝour huſband prayand hym to fulfill and to keip the commonyng and promiß betuix hym and our couſing Malcom Lord Flemyng anent the alienatioun of certane ȝour huſbandis landis to be maid to our ſaid couſing efter the forme of the ſaid commonyng becaus the ſaid Malcom lord Flemyng hes analiit certane of his awin landis to furniß money to ȝour huſband for his landis Heirfor We pray ȝou to mak na ſtop nor Impediment thereto / for We heirſay that ȝe will nocht thoill ȝour douchter to gif our hir fee of the ſaid landis to that effect bot ſtoppes hir therof / We pray ȝou effectuuſly becaus the ſaid Malcomis barnis that ſuld haue the ſaidis landis ar ſa teynder of blude bayth to ws and ȝou / and ſiclik becaus ȝour huſband is ſelland and puttand faſt away till utheris that ȝe forthir the ſamyn for our ſaik as ȝe will report ſpeciall thankis of ws therfor And failȝeing that ȝour huſband will not fulfill nor keip his promiß to our ſaid couſing We aſſure ȝou We ſall provyd and

fynd the way that he ſalbe compellit to keip his condicioun be the law And forther ȝe ſall gif credence to this berar in this mater Subſcriuit with our hand at Edinburgh the xij day of Octobor and of our Regne the xix ȝeir ·

JAMES R ·

To our wilbelouit ſiſter the Countes of Mortoun ·

The King to the Theſaurer anent Robert Douglas of Lochleven ·

REX ·

6 Theſaurer We grete ȝow wele / ȝe ſall underſtand We have conſentit to put Robert Dowglas of Lochlevin in fee of the Erldom of Mortoun and Lordſchip of Dalkeith with thair pertinentis for gude cauſſis as he will ſchaw ȝow We pray ȝow fail nocht to gar reforme his ſignature be men of underſtanding as he thinkis beſt And help him in ſik thingis as he deſiris / Forder gif credence to him / Subſcrivit with our hand At Brechyn the xviij day of Octobor And of our Regne the xxviij ȝeir ·

JAMES R.

Till our Theſaurer ꝛc· ·

Acquittance by George erle of Erroll to Robert Douglas of Lochlevin ·

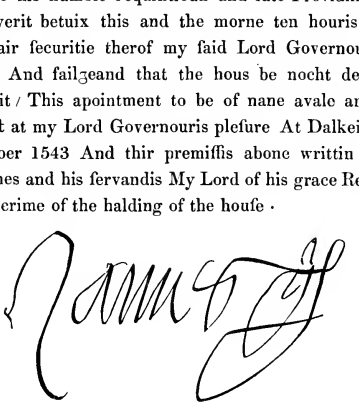
7 I George erle of Erroll grantis me haif reſſauit fray ane honorabill man Robert Douglas of Lochlevin the ſoume of ane hundreth merkis wſuale money of Scotland for the nonentres of his landis of Foſſaquhy haldin of me the ſaid George erle ꝛc· of the quhilk ſoume I hald me weile content and payt Diſcharging and quietclamand the ſaid Robert his airis executoris and aſſignais for now and euer and all otheris quhome efferis of the forſaid ſoume of j[c] merkis be this myne acquittance Subſcriuit with my hand At Kilros the day of Auguſt the ȝeir of God I[m] V[c] and fourte thua ȝeris befor thir witnes Androw Hay John Murray Duncan Robertſone and Androw Montago with otheris divers ·

Georg erll of Erroll

Ane Appointment betuix the Duik and my Lord of Mortoun for deliverie of the hous of Dalkeith ·

GUBERNATOR ·

8 My Lord Gouvernour of his ſpecial grace and favour hes grantit and be thir preſentis grantis to James of Douglas ſone to George Douglas Maiſter of Angus · That the ſaid James cummand inſtantly furth of the dungeoun of Dalkeith and ſubmittand him alwayis to my ſaid Lord Governours will / My ſaid Lord Governour is contentit that the ſaid James his ſervandis and geir being now preſently within the dungeoun ſalbe ſaif and fre to pas at his and ther pleſouris and thai · · · · · · · · · all ther geir forſaid to quhatſumevir place thai pleis · · · · · · · · · · · · · the ſaid James his ſervandis and geir to be convoyt ſuirly gif as the ſaid James ſal deſyre apone his humble requiſitioun and ſute Providing that the ſaid houſe be deliverit betuix this and the morne ten houris befor none And for the mair ſecuritie therof my ſaid Lord Governour hes ſubſcrivit this preſent And failȝeand that the hous be nocht deliverit agane the tyme apointit / This apointment to be of nane avale and the ſaid James to be puniſt at my Lord Governouris pleſure At Dalkeith the ſevint day of November 1543 And thir premiſſis abone writtin being fulfillit be the ſaid James and his ſervandis My Lord of his grace Remittis to him and thame the crime of the halding of the houſe ·



Receipt and Diſcharge by the Commendator and Convent of Sanct-androis to The Lady of Lochlewyne and her ſon ·

9 We James be the permiſſioun of God Commendatair of the priorie of Sanctandrois and Convent of the ſamyne grantis ws to have reſſavit furth of the place of Lochlewyne fra ane honorable gentill woman Margaret Erſkyne Lady of Lochlewyne And hir ſone William Douglas air to wmquhile Robert Douglas of Lochlewyne that laſt deceſſit thre kyſtis contening certane reliquis and claithis of ſilk and gold with divers geir pertening to our place quhilk we cauſit be put thair to be ſuirlie kepit fra our enimeis handis of Ingland befoir the raid of Langhop / Ane of the ſaidis kiſtis being of auld aik haiffing ane clovyne lyd abone with thre holis in the ſamyne Ane uthir being of new eiſtland bwrd haiffand . . . . lokkis with twa bandis of Irne about It The third of thaim being rycht ſua of new eiſtland bwird haiffand bot ane lok with crampattis of Irne about the anglaris gawillis and newkis of the ſamyne / And diſchargis the ſaid Lady and Williame hir ſone and all utheris quhome It effeiris of the ſaidis thre kiſtis as is abone expremit Swa that the foirſaidis kiſtis and geir be als ſuirlie put in our handis agane upoun our expenſis As we cauſit the ſamyne be put within the ſaid place of Lochlewyne / In Witnes of the premiſſis To this preſent write Subſcrivit with our hand our commone Seil Is affixit At Sanctandrois the day of March the ȝeir of God I^{m} V^{c} fourte ȝeris ·

James Commendator of Sanctandrois ·
Den Jhon Wynram Subpriore of Sanctandrois ·
Den James Wemis ·
Den Dauid Guthre ·
Den Dauid Cuke ·
Dominus Patricius Dunkanſoun &c^{a} ·

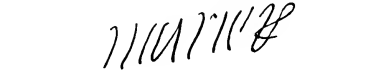
My lord Erſkynis acquittans In the Quenis grace behalf of iij^{c} crownis ·

10 I Jhone lord Erſkene grantes me to haue reſſauit fra the handis of maſter Johne Bougomyn ſecretar to the Quenis grace dowriar of Scotland the ſowm of thre hundreth crownis of the ſone in name and behalf of Margret Erſkene Lady of Lochlevin auchtand be the ſaid Quenis grace unto hir Of the quhilk ſoum of thre hundreth crownis forſaid I grant me wele content and payit And quitclamys and diſchargeis the ſaid ſecretar therof in the Quenis behalf and all otheris quhome efferis for now and euer In witnes herof I haue ſubſcriuit this acquittance in the ſaid Lady Lochlevynis behalf At Blais the xxix day of Januar the ȝere of God I^{m} V^{c} and fyfty ȝeris ·

Precept by Mary Queen Regent to Patrick Home of the Brumehous ·

REGINA ·

11 Comptrollar ȝe ſall Incontinent eftir the ſycht heirof deliver and mak thankfull payment to oure ſervitour Patrik Home of the Brumehous the ſowme of fourty pundis money of this realme of the reddieſt mailis and dewiteis of oure derreſt dochteris propirtie of the termes of Martimes in the ȝeir of God I^{m} V^{c} and fifty ſex and Witſounday In the ȝeir of God I^{m} V^{c} fifty ſevin ȝeris Quhilk ſalbe allowit to ȝou in ȝour comptis ȝe kepand this oure precept for ȝour Warrand Subſcriuit be vs At Halyrudhous the third day of Junij the ȝeir of God I^{m} V^{c} and fifty ſevin ȝeiris ·



The Erll Marſhall and the erll of Errolles band for the relief of thaim that ar bund for the Maſter of Marſhalis entras ·

12 We Williame erle Merſchell Lord Keith &c George erle of Errole Lord Hay fforſamekle as James erle of Mortoun Lord Dalkeith Walter Ker of Ceſſurd and Johne Ker of Farnyhirſt knichtis ar oblift and bundin with ws conjunctlie and ſeuerallie To the erle of Northumberland Schir Henrie Percy knicht and to Robert Lord Ogill Ingliſmen and to everie of thame failing of uther That Williame maiſter Merſchell preſoneir in Ingland and be the ſaid erle of Northumberland lattin hame in Scotland ſall without fraude gile or delay enter agane to the ſaid erle or to the ſaid Schir Henry Percy or to thair affignais within the towne of Norhame he being haill man and feir In ſuche ſort as lauchfull entrie ſalbe thair takin of him the firſt day of September nixttocum efter the dait of the ſaid band And in default that the ſaid Maiſter enter nocht as ſaid is to content and pay within xx dayis nixteftir the failing of the ſaid entrie the ſowme of foure thowſand pundis Sterling without fraude cullour or diſſait Thairfore to be bundin and oblift and be the tennour heirof bindis and obliſſis ws oure airis and executouris To freith releif and keip ſkaithles the ſaidis Erle of Mortoun Lairdis of Ceſſurde and Fairnihirſt thair airis and executouris off the ſaid band ſowme contenit thairintill and contentis of the ſamyn At the handis of the ſaid erle of Northumberland Schir Henry Percy knicht and the Lord Ogell and thair affignais and all utheris Be this our obligatioun Subſcrivit with oure handis our ſeillis ar affixt AT Edinburgh the auchtene daye of Junij The ȝeir of God I^m V^c fiftie nyne ȝeiris ·

George erll of Erroll ·

Wylȝam erll of Merſcheall wyth my hand ·

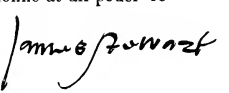
The Prior of Saint Andrews to his mother The Lady Lochlevin ·

13 Mother after maiſt hartly commendatioun / I reſavit your wrytting / and hes at lenth conſyderyt the ſame · And treuly hes ſa mekle merwelyt thairat / that yff your hand wrytt hayd not perſuadit me / the Reportis of the toungis vpon earthe culd nevir hayd maid my hart beleif that heirin I perceave · I knaw aſſuredly my brother hayd nevir meynit ſic thing to my diſplaſeur yff thai quhome I [traiſt] abuif the reſt of the haill warld hayd not bene ane ſpure to him to vndermynd me in abuſing the ȝouthhyd of that · · · Innocent I patt in thair handis as my maiſt truſty beȝound all vtheris I haif In deid falowed my hartis inclination in my mariage and Is prowydit be my ſouerayne · · · to god to ſum lyiff / albeit I myght Juſtlyar ſay ane ſtyill of ane leiffing / and thairfor did not hyd from ȝou how I wes not hable to beir out the ſtait of my former lyiff by that vther leiffing the quhilk how coiſtly and cummerſum It hes bene to me I neid not to expreme to ȝou that knawis It as my ſelf quhairfor all my mynd wes to haif placed that damoſel according hir ſtate and to the contentement of her freindis ſa haifing my awin quhome I truſted the playn ſupplantaris of me I will certifie ȝou as I haif my brother already all the brether I haif on lyiff ſall not bruik that leifing during my dayis onles thay bruik It on my belly for ſic proceydingis merittis not ſic favour at my hand I call your conſcience to record yff I hayf bene ane vnprouffitable forſter to that houſe or not and this Is ane ſmall revard for recompenſe · thus vnder truſt and credit to ſupplant me and with ane abuſioun of ane Innocent to ſpoill me bayth of my leiffing and my honour for I pray ȝow mother with quhat face may I anſuer hir freindis compleyning vpone me the abuſion of hir and the periſhing of that ancient leiffing from the ſuirname / as concerning hir the credit I haif gevin ȝou of hir perſoune hes maid ȝou Rowme to abuſe hir / but for the leiffing I ſall god willing in ſic ſort preſerve that nayther ſall ſhe nor he haif that pouer be the grace of god · and albeit ȝe wrytt I ſuld be glad to

further ſic leiffing to my brother as god prowyidis him I am not perſuaded that heir Is the prouiſion of god but (ſaiffing that honour and reuerence that be law of god and natuir I awcht to ȝou quhilk alſo I mynd be goddis grace perpetually to keip and vſe towardis ȝou) I wald in playn termes lett you knaw in quhat ſort I reſave this practiſe at ȝour hand and how lytill ȝe haif regarded ayther my wele and honour or ȝit ȝour awin deutye towardis me heirin that nevir wald haif ſparit to haif putt my hart with in my bouk vpon ȝour credit Vther thingis I will not wrytt at this preſent but prayis god to oppin ſum ayſyer way to prowyid ȝour bayrnis (quhilk ar in deid tender aneuchtt to me and may be on force) nor be my ſkayth and diſhonour / and ſa committis ȝou to the protectioun of God from Aberdene the ix of october 1562 ·

As I keip ſecreit this matter ſa wald
I wiſh it wer nevir ſpokin ·

ȝour ſonne at all pouer ꝛc

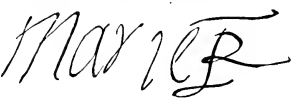


To my mother the Lady of Loychlewin ·

Mary Queen of Scots to the Abbot of Dunfermling ·

14 Venerable fader in god We grete ȝou wele fforſamekle as for certane occaſionis moving ws at this preſent tyme We haue thocht gude that the temporall landis of oure abbay of Dunfermling be ſett in fewferme to oure theſaurair maiſter Robert Richartſoun with quhome we haue takin ſic ordour that the ſaid few ſall nowther be preiudiciall to ȝou / nor to thame that beis poſſeſſouris for the tyme of oure ſaid abbay Nor ȝit to the tenentis thairof As we haue at lenth declarit to your couſing maiſter Robert Pitcarne And thairfoir we pray ȝou effectuiſlie that ȝe ſubſcriue and pas the ſaid maiſter Robertis charteris maid upoun the ſaidis few

landis quhilk we haue caufit be ſend to ȝou to that effect And mak the ſamyn to be ſend agane in all guidlie haiſt Sua that this our purpos be na wyſe hinderit as ȝe will do ws verie acceptable pleſure And thus we commit ȝou to God At Edinburgh the laſt day of Maij 1564 ·



To ane venerable fader in God
the abbat of Dunfermling &c· ·

Archibald fifth Earl of Argyll to James third Earl of Arran / Duke of Chatelherault ·

My Lord Eftir my maſt humill Commendatiounis your grace ſall ondirſtand that the Quines Majeſtie hes deſyrit me to be Into Edinbrhwite the xx day of this inſtand becawiſ of the Erll of Lenox in Cwming tharfor I thocht it gowd to adwartiß your grace of the ſame for qwhat ewir beis proponit In tha behalwis I ſall do na thing qwhill I ſpek wyth your grace farder It ſall pleis your grace to gyf credit to my Coſing berar heirof wrytin fra the xix day of ſeptember 1564 ·

Ȝour grace Coſing to command ·

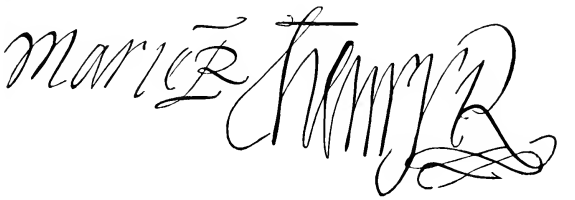
To My Lord Dwkis grace of Satillarolt
gyf this ·

Licence by The King and Queen that William Douglas of Lochlevin retain the place and hous of Lochlevin .

Apud Edinburgh decimo tertio die menſis Nouembris anno domini Milleſimo quingenteſimo Sexageſimo quinto .

16 The quhilk day fforſamekle as the King and Quenis Majeſties charge wes direct to ane herauld or vther officiar of armes Commanding thame to pas and charge Margaret Erſkin lady Lochlevin Williame Douglas of lochlevin Robert douglas his ſone and apperand air and the ſaid Williame his fader as lauchfull tutour adminiſtratour gydar and gouernour to him and all vtheris his tutouris and curatouris gif he ony hes for thair intereſſe and all vtheris keparis havaris and withhalderis of the caſtell and fortereſſe of Lochlevin To rander and deliuer the ſamyn to the officiar executour of the ſame charge And remove thame ſelffis thair ſeruandis and guidis furth of the ſamyn within ſex houris nixt efter the charge vnder the pane of treſſoun Like as at mair lenth is contenit in the ſamyn charge Of the dait the ſevint day of nouember inſtant Comperit Adam m^culloch merchemont herauld and producit the ſaid charge dewlie execute be him vpoun the ellevint day of the ſaid moneth And being inquirit vpoune the ſaid Williamis anſuer Reportit That he wes extremlie ſeik in perrell of his lyff to the ſaid Adamis apparence git offerit he with all humilitie to obey the command of the ſaid charge with all haiſt poſſible to him And to that effect deſirit the ſaid Adam to remain with him quhilk he and the countes of Buchane quha than wes travelland with chyld mycht remove and cum furth of the ſaid place THE KING and Quenis Majeſties vnderſtanding alſwele be the ſaid herauldis report and declaratioun As be thair traiſt couſing and counſalour Johnne erll of Mar lord erſkin the obedient mynd of the ſaid Williame Douglas towart the deliuering of his ſaid hous and place THAIRFORE and in reſpect of his preſent infirmitie And of the erneſt ſute of thair ſaid traiſt counſalour

and of Maiſter James balfour perſoun of fliſk Offerand in the ſaid Williams naim cautioune to the effect vnderwrittine Thair Majeſties acceptis and Reſſavis the ſaid Williamis anſuer as full and ſufficient obedience of the ſaid charge And ar contentit that he as of before retene and keip in his awin handes and poſſeſſioune his ſaid houſe and place of Lochlevin quhill thair hieneſſis be further avyſit without ſkayth cryme or danger to be incurrit be him his ſaidis moder and ſone or vtheris quhatſumeuir for thair abiding and Remanyng within the ſaid houſe and place ſen the ſaid charge wes execute aganis thame Of the quhilk charge thair Majeſties be thir preſentis diſchargeis thame ſimpliciter · And inſtantlie the ſaid erll of Mar and Michaell Balfour of Burly In name of the ſaid Williame Douglas vndertuke and promiſt That ſchir William Scott of balwery knycht Dauid Dury of that Ilk Dauid Barclay of cullerny the ſaid Michaell Balfour of Burly and Johnne Anſtruther of that Ilk ſall cum to the burgh of Edinburgh betuix and the xxij day of nouember inſtant And thair becum a&it and oblift conjun&lie and ſeueralie as cautionaris and ſouirteis for the ſaid Williame Douglas That the ſaid houſe and place of Lochlevin ſalbe reddy and patent at thair Majeſties commandiment with all munitioune and artalliery being within the ſamyn quhilk pertenit to James erll of Murray at quhatſumeuir tyme thair hieneſſis ſall pleis require the ſamyn vpoun xxiiij houris warnyng And that nane of thair Majeſties rebellis thair ſeruandis or meſſingeris ſalbe reſſett ſupplijt or intertenyit in the ſaid place in the meyntyme vnder the panis of five thouſand merkis ·



Henry Darnley to The Laird of Lochlevin .

17 Lard of Lowghe Levyn Whear as We have taken order thorowgh our Realme ffor Reſtraynte of Shotynge with gunnes you beinge ſheryfe of thes partes we wyll and commande you hereby To apprehende all perſons within your charge that ſo vſes to ſhote contrary our order / And we havinge alredy vnderſtandynge of ane John ſhawe / ſune to Maiſter William ſhawe / To be a common ſhoter We allſo charge you hereby to take the ſayde Johne and ſend him to vs with his gune where ever we chaunce to be within three dayes efter this preſent And farder We beinge Informed of dyvers fyers vſed to be made upon the waters for fyſhynge wyche ſcarrethe the fowles / Our pleaſure Is alſo that ye Reſtrayne all ſuche fyers to be made tyll ye farder vnderſtand frome vs / In all which doinge thes ſyngned with our hande Shallbe your ſuffycyent warraunt Agenſte all perſones Geven at Burley this wendſday the xxij of nouember [1565 .]

HENRY R .

To our welbeloved the Lard of
Lowghe Levyn .

James Stewart [Earl of Murray] To my Lady Countes of Murray.

18 After my maiſt hartly commendatioun My oncle the Erle of Mar hes wryttin to me anent the kyrk of Egliſgrige It wes nevir my mynd that he ſuld want the x chalderis of wictuallis he uſed to reſave thairof Tak thair adwyis betuix ȝou with my mothir and lett her L . be ſatiffeit anentis thai x chalderis victual and the reſt thairof to cum to the prouffeyt of thayme It wes deſtinat unto I wraytt to ȝou of befoyr my adwyiſ . Ȝe ſall now joyne with my mother and uſe hir counſale and my oncles therle of Marris in ȝour ſwttis and as I may fynd beararis and ſuyr

acceſſe ȝe ſall knaw forthir of my mynd and that ſhortly I pray ȝou be blyth and prayſe God for all that he ſendis for It Is he only that gevis and takis and It Is he only that may and will reſtoyr agayne · And becumis ws in all lawlynes of hart to awaytt patiently for his leaſeur yff my mother ſall obteyne ane licence for ane ſervand of myn for the action of Buchquhane ȝe ſall knaw forthir of my mynd beſeikkand God to comfort ȝou to our meitting with my commendatioun to all freyndis that ar freyndis in deid the number quhairof Is growen merwelous ſkant prayſed be God quha met preſerve ȝou frome Neucaſtell the xvij of februar 1565 ·

Ȝouris as ȝe knaw

James Stewart

Warrant to charge James erll of Mortoun Patrick Lord Ruthven and Patrik Lord Lindeſay of the Byres and utheris ·

19 Henry and Marie be the grace of God King and Quene of Scottis To our louittis Peter Thomſoun Ilay herauld meſſingeris oure ſhereffis in that part conjunctlie and ſeverallie ſpecialie conſtitut greting Oure Will is and We charge ȝow ſtraitlie and commandis that incontinent thir our lettres ſene ȝe pas and in our name charge James erll of Mortoun Lord of Dalkeith Patrik Lord Ruthven Patrik Lord Lindeſay of the Byres Williame Maiſter of Ruthven George Douglas ſone naturall to umquhill Archibald erll of Angus that laſt deceſſit Andro Ker of Fawdounſyde Williame Dowglas of Quhittinghame Maiſter Archebald Dowglas perſoun of Dowglas bruther to the ſaid Williame ꝛc. Williame Dowglas of Lochlevin ꝛc. Alexander Ruthven bruther to the Lord Ruthven and utheris perſonallie or at thair duelling places and failȝeing therof be oppin proclamatioun at the mercatt croces of the heid burrowes of our

ſcheriffdomes quhair thai dwell To compeir perſonalie before ws and Lordis of oure ſecreit Counſale at Edinburgh or quhair It ſalhappyn ws to be for the tyme upone the ſext day nixt efter thai and ilkane of thame beis chargeit be ȝow therto reſpectiue To anſuer to ſik thingis as ſalbe laid to ther charge under the pane of rebellioun &c. Gevin under our Signett at Edinburgh the xix day of Marche and of our Regnnes the firſt and xxiiij ȝeiris ·

Per actum manibus S. D. N. Regis et Regine ſubſcriptum .

Mary Queen of Scots to the Laird of Lochlevin ·

Traiſt freind We greit ȝou weill We intend God willing in proper perſoun to repair ſchortlie towart Jedburgh and ther to do juſtice to our puir oppreſt ſubiectis That oure bordour being anys quietit We may the mair eſalie put ordour in the in cuntre in the quhilk Jornay it is neidfull that we be weill and ſubſtantiouſlie accumpanyit with oure gude and trew ſubjectis Praying ȝow therfore that ȝe accumpanyit with ȝoure houſhaldis and ſubſtanciouſe freindis bodin in weirlik maner addreſs ȝow to meit ws at Peblis the xiij day of auguſt nixtocum And ſwa to accumpany ws for the ſpace of xv dayis efter ȝour cuming to Jedburgh As ȝe will do ws verray acceptabill plefure and ſeruice Subſcriuit with oure hand At Alloway the laſt day of Julij 1566 ·

To our traiſt freind the lard of
Lochlevin ·

The extract of the copy ſubſcriuit be Robert Scott of my Lord of Murrayis Teſtament ·

21 We James erle of Murray Lord Abernethy &c· Being preſentlie with licence of the Quenis grace In redines to depart furth of this Realme and underſtanding that all creatures ar mortale and ſubiect to death The tyme quhairof is onlie Referuit unto the eternall god · Thairfoir I haif maid conſtitute and ordanit and be the tennour heirof makis conſtitutis and ordanis my derreſt ſpous Dame Agnes Keith Johne erle of Mar Johne Wiſcharte of pettarro knycht Williame Douglas of Lochlevin and Williame Kirkcaldy of grange knycht my executouris teſtamentaris and my ſaid ſpous the onlie and vniuerfall intromiſſatrice with my guidis and ane noble and mychtie princes Marie Quene of Scottis oueriſwoman of my ſaid teſtament and makis my ſaid ſpous ſa lang as ſche Remanis wedo vndefloret tutrix teſtamentar to Eliſabeth ſtewart my lauchfull dochter And gif ſche beis mareit or defloret Margaret Erſkin my mother And failȝeing of hir Williame Douglas of Lochlevin tutouris teſtamentaris to my ſaid dochter And the Quenis Maieſtie my ſouerane oueriſwoman to ſe all thingis be handillit and Reulit for the weill of my ſaid dochter In witnes heirof I haue ſubſcriuit thir preſentis with my hand At Sanctandrois the ſecunde day of aprile The ȝeir of god I^{m} V^{c} lxvij ȝeiris Sic ſubſcribitur · James Stewart ·

Tenet preſens copia In omnibus cum originali copiata et collacionata per me Notarium publicum ſubſcriptum de mandato dominorum conſilij et eorundem decret &c· Tertio die menſis aprilis anno Domini &c· lxxvj^{o} teſtantibus meis ſigno et ſubſcriptione manualibus ſic ſubſcribitur ·

R · Scott ·

Bond betwixt certain Noblemen &c and Sir James Balfour keeper of the Caſtle of Edinburgh · (A copy.)

22 We Erles Lordis baronis and otheris vnderſubſcrivand of the Nobilite having reſpect that the Quenis hienes maſt noble perſoun wes apprehendit be the erll Bothvell vpon the day of Aprill / And therefter be fors and violence off armit men convoyit to the caſtell of Dunbarre / there deteynit and kepit in ſuir and ferm ward be the ſaid erll / be the ſpace of dayes / In likmaner hir Grace being Invyronit alſwele be a number of men of were as be the haill frendis of the ſaid erll Bothvell boddin in armour wes convoyit from place to place in ſik parts as he haid maſt dominion and power to command / during the quhilk ſpace that the ſaid erll haid hir maſt noble perſoun in the thraldome abone ſpecifyit hir Majeſtie being onlie accumpanyit with a few number of hir domeſtick ſervandis / he ceaſſit not be all wayes and unleiſſum meanis to ſeduce hir Grace to ane unlefull and unhoneſt marriage / quhilk from the begynning is null and of na effect for ſik cauſes as ar notourlie alſwele knawin to other realmes as to ws · The Nobilite and inhabitantis of this our native cuntre in lykwyes being informit that the ſaid erll as ȝit remanis in his maſt wickit intentioun and ferm purpos to kepe our ſoverannis perſoun in the thraldom and ſubiectioun forſaid / invyronit with men of weir and his frendis / ſway that nane of the Nobilite of hir Grace realm may reſort to hir preſens to knaw hir mynd without thair maſt extreme and utter danger quherthrow he intendis to utterlie rwyn and decay the guid fame and brute of our derraſt ſoveran liberte of this commoun wele and previledge grantit to the nobilitie therof · WE therfor conſtraynit upon neceſſitie hes oppynnit this maſt lamentable caiſe to S[r] James Balfour of Pettindrech knycht clark of our ſouerannis regiſter and keper of the caſtell of Edinburgh / quha being cairfull for the miſordouris above writtin / and tendering the Quenis Majeſties maſt dangerous eſtate and perill that may come to the commoun wele hes upon the lik zeale

with ws faythfullie promifit and be the tennour herof promifes to ayd and affift vnto ws or any part of ws that fall interpryes and put ordour to the premiffis with the caftell of Edinburgh for furthering of our enterpryes devifit or to be devifit in fik ordour as falbe thocht expedient be ws / and adione with ws in all and quhatfumeuer caus that we fall have ado in any tyme heirefter · Providing alwayes that he may be fo requirit as his honor be faiff at our firft cuming to the toun of Edinburgh · In Refpect of the quhilkis We the perfonis vnderfubfcrivand upoun our honour and fidelitie and be the tennour herof bindis and obliges ws that we fall tak efald and plane part with the faid Sr James in all and quhatfumeuer his actiouns that he hes haid to do befor the dait of thefe prefentes and fall defend and mantene him therintill aganis all dedlie · And fiklik fall in all tyme cuming concurre and affift to him in furthfetting of any thing that falbe for the furtherans and advancement of this commoun wele / and promote him in any eftate therintill that he falbe meit for and fpeciallie fall mantean him in the keping of the caftell of Edinburgh · And ficlik fall affift fortefie mantean and defend him in all his awin particuler caufes and actions quhatfumeuer in all tyme herefter aganis all dedelie for fuir obferving and keping of the premiffis on his part the faid Sr James fall upon the requifitioun of the Lordis / and terme being appointit for the faid interpryes delyuer in pledge and hoftage vnto the nobilitie vnderfubfcrivand the perfons maft deir and tender to him in all the wardill to remane in quhat place falbe thocht neidfull and meit be the faidis Lordis ay and quhill the performans of the premiffis or quhill they be frede and relevit be the faidis Lordis · In witnes of the quhilkis we the faidis erles Lordis and barronis and alfua the faid Sr James hes fubfcrivit thir prefentes with our handis At the day of 1567 ·

* *Dalkeyth Creichtoun and Melros wilbe very handfum dwellingis for them* ·

A Letter from England concerning the murder of King Henry Darnley.

23 Having the commodity of this bearer Mr. Clark, I tho't good to write a few words unto you. I have rec[d] ſome writs from you, and ſome I have ſeen lately ſent others from you, as namely to the Earl of Bedford of the 16th of May. I have participat the contents thereof to ſuch as I thought meet, this mekle I can aſſure you; the intelligence given hithere by the French was untrue, for there was not one Papiſt nor Proteſtant which did not conſent that juſtice ſhould be done, be the Queen my ſov[ns] aid and ſupport, againſt ſuch as had committed that abominable ill murder in your country; but to ſay truth, the lack and coldneſs did not riſe from ſuch as were called to council, but from ſuch as ſhould give life and execution thereunto. And further, I aſſure you, I never knew no matter of eſtate proponed which had ſo many favourers of all ſorts of nations as this had: yea, I can ſay unto you, no man promoted the matter with greater affection than the Spaniſh ambaſſador. And ſure I am that no man dare openly be of any other mind, but to affirm that whoſoever is guilty of this murder, handfaſted with advoutre, is unworthy to live. I ſhall not need to tell you, which be our letts, and stays from all good things here. You are acquainted with them as well as I. Neds I muſt confeſs, that howſoever we omit occaſions of benefit, honour, and ſurety; it behoveth your whole nobility, and namely ſuch as before and after the murder were deemed to allow of Bodwell, to proſecute with ſword and juſtice the puniſhment of thoſe abominable acts, though we lend you but a cold aid, and albeit you, and divers others, both honourable and honeſt, be well known to me, and ſundry others here, to be juſtifiable in all their actions and doings; yet think not the contrary but your whole nation is blemiſhed and infamit by theſe doings which lately paſſed among you. What we ſhall do I know not, neither do I write unto you aſſuredly, for we be ſubject unto many mutations, and yet I think we ſhall either aid you, or continue in the defence and ſafeguard of your Prince, ſo as it appear to

us that you mean his ſafeguard indeed, and not to run the fortune of France, which will be your own deſtruction if you be unadviſed. I know not one, no not one of any quality or eſtate in this country, which does allow of the Queen your ſovereign, but would gladly the world were rid of her, ſo as the ſame were done without farther ſlander, that is to ſay by ordinary juſtice. This I ſend the 23d of May.

Declaration by the Queen on the ſtate of the Realme · (A copy.)

Apud Edinburgh quarto die menſis Junij anno Domini milleſimo quingenteſimo Sexageſimo ſeptimo ·

24 The Quenis Maieſtie conſidering and thinking vpoun hir awin eſtait and the governament of this hir hienes realme owir the quhilk almychtie God hes placit hir ſupreme heid and lauchfull inheritour And with that calling to mynd quhat gret alterationis and ſtrange accidentis hes fra tyme to tyme occurrit during hir Maieſties regnne bot maiſt ſpeciallie ſen hir hienes arryvall and returning in this realme and taking of the manyment and governament of the effaris thairof in hir awin perſoun quhilk all (prayſit be God) ar happelie quietit and ſet doun be hir Maieſtie (God ſa weill proſpering the werk in hir handis) alſweill to hir awin honour as to the ſatiffactioun and contentment of all hir gude ſubiectis That in all this tyme of hir Maieſties awin preſens ſen hir ſaid arryvall thay haif neuir felt the force of foreyn Innemeis bot levit in gud peace nor ȝit bene owirthrawin be the auctouris of ony domeſtik ſeditionis that hes nocht bene ſpedely dantonit and puniſſit for thair demerites And ſua thay may iuſtlie compair thair eſtait in this hir Maieſties regnne to the maiſt happy tyme that hes occurrit in mannis memorie bot as Invy is enemy to vertew and that ſeditious and unquiet ſpreitis euir ſekis occaſioun to Interteny trouble and vnquietnes Sa can hir Maieſtie neuir mein ſa ſincerlie and vprichtlie nor neuir direct hir doingis ſa perfytly bot

inſted of thankfull hartis and gud obedience hir hienes clemencie is commonlie abuſit and recompanſit with thrawartnes and Ingratitud And quhen ſcho thinkis leiſt of ony nouatioun Euir ſum Inuentioun or vtheris brocht in and the pepill perſuadit to beleif it / as that hir hienes cair of this commoun weill wer tint That hir Maieſtie menit to ſubuert the lawis to reiect the counſell and aſſiſtance of hir nobilitie and to handle all thingis without ony diſcretioun contrar the ancient cuſtoum Bot laſt[lie] that is maiſt grievous and offenſive of all that the health preſeruatioun ſure cuſtodie and governament of hir maiſt deir and only ſone the prince now in his infancie wer neglectit be hir hienes and na ſic attendance haid thairto as appertenit And beſidis this the malice of ſum hes bene ſo greit That quhair as hir hienes with avys of hir counſall laitlie ſet out proclamationis Commanding hir ſubiectis in certane cuntreis of the realme To be in redines and convene for perſute of the rebellious and diſobedient ſubiectis of Liddiſdall by quhome the trew lieges ar havelie oppreſſit It hes bene murmurit and put in the heidis of the pepill that thay forces wer to be convenit for vther purpoſis that neuir enterit in hir hienes mynd ffor in making of the ſaidis proclamationis hir Maieſtie haid na coullorat meaning nor na vther purpos in heid nor is planelie mentionat in the ſame As the ſucces will weill declair Quhilkis vntrew reportis and opprobious calumnys ſa neirlie tuicheis hir Majeſtie That conſtranitlie it behuvis hir to gif plane declaratioun of hir mynd and part to all hir gude ſubiectis To the effect that thai being certifeit of the veritie may be reſoluit of all dout and ſecludand errour may ſtay thameſelves on the treuth for firſt as God knawis hir mynd ſcho neuir menit the ſubuerſioun of the [lawis] in na Jote bot rather hes mantenit thame Quhat is abill to be obiectit that euir hir Maieſtie tuke on hand vnconſultit be the noble men hir counſale And in quhat point hes hir hienes handlit ony maner of thing in the public effaris by the cuſtome of hir maiſt noble progenitouris men that ar godlie and hes diſcretioun may juge and tyme will manifeſt it to the haile warld And for hir derreſt ſone Of quhome ſall hir Maieſtie be cairfull gif ſcho neglect him that is ſo deir to hir On quhais

gude ſucces hir ſpeciall joy conſiſtis And without quhom hir Maieſtie culd neuir think hir ſelf in gude eſtait bot comfortles all the dayis of hir life And ȝit ſeing men now this biſſy in his infancie to ground the occaſioun of thair particulariteis on his perſoun It may be thocht quhat thai wald pretend gif he war of mature aige Bot as God hes hard hir prayeris and the prayeris of hir pepill in granting ſic happie yſſue and ſucceſſioun of hir body efter hir life to poſſes and Inioy this kingdome Sa ſall hir Maieſties moderlie affectioun towartis him appeir euidentlie that na thing requiſite for his nutriture cuſtody Intertenement and preſeruatioun ſalbe forȝet And with that he committit to ſic governance as vthiris princeis of this realme In thair Infancie hes bene accuſtomed in tymis bigane That in proces of tyme the actouris of ſic fals reportis aither in previe or patent ſall worthelie accus thame ſelves of vntreuth and find thame ſelfis fruſtrat of thair Inventionis And hir Maieſteis cair towart hir realme and naturall lyf and Inteir affectioun towart hir ſaid derreſt ſone ſall manifeſt the ſelf As it is in effect to the haill warld And that letteris be direct for publicatioun heirof In dew forme as efferis ·

Order by the Privy Council to John Mowbray of Bernbougall ·

Apud Edinburgh xj Junij Anno Domini I^m V^c *lxvij* ·

The quhilk day the Lordis of Secrete Counſell having herd how that diverſe of the nobilitie and utheris hes preſentlie joynit thame ſelffis togidder in armour and as is brutit purpoſing to ly about the place of Borthuik quhairin the Quenis Majeſtie is at this preſent And to invaid and aſſege hir hienes maiſt noble perſoun within the ſaid caſtell And becaus it is uncertane upoun quhat purpoſe and occaſioun thai have convenit at this tyme And gif ony thing be menit be thame towart the Quenis Majeſties perſoun or utherwayes Thairfore hes ordanit this berare Johne Moubray of Bernbougall To pas deſire and inquire of thame To declair to quhat purpos and upon quhat motioun and occaſioun thai have con-

venit thamefelffis togidder at this tyme and quhat Is meanit be thame towart the Quenis Majeſties perſoun And gif thai will declair that thing quherin ordoure aucht and ſall be takin for eſtabliſhing of gude reull and quietnes in the cuntrie that upoun thair advertiſment and declaratioun the Lordis of Secret Counſell now preſent in Edinburgh ar reddy with the Quenis Majeſties adviſe and in hir hienes name To conveine and tak ſik reaſonable ordour therintill as may ſtand for eſtabliſheing and preſervatioun of the commoun weill tranquillite and quietnes and avoiding of all Inconvenientis And forther to declair unto thame his credite as Is ſchawin be toung ·

P · HEWATT *de mandato Dominorum Secreti Conſilij* ·

Act for ſequeſtrating the Quenis Maieſties perſon and detening the ſame in the hous and place of Lochleven ·

Apud Edinburgh decimoſexto die menſis Junii Anno Domini milleſimo quingenteſimo ſexageſimo ſeptimo .

26 Forſamekle as efter the ſchamfull and horrible murther of umquhile the King the Quenis Majeſties late huſband / hir Majeſtie being reviſt with the Erll Boithuile principall and chief authour of the ſaid murther and therefter Joynit with him in maiſt ungodlie and diſhonnorable maner under the name of ane pretendit mariage Continewing in that ſtate to the evident dangeir of the innocent perſoun of our native Princes lyff / and owerthraw and diſtruction of the nobilitie and haill ſtate of this common weill / quhill on juſt neceſſitie it behuvit the nobilitie and utheris faithfull ſubjectis to tak armes for puniſment and revenge of the ſaid murther / Aganis quhome come the ſaid erll Boithuile / leidand the Quenis Majeſtie in his cumpany / and ſchadoand his murther and utheris wicket enormiteis fra puniſment with the cloik of hir auctoritie / And refuſand ſingular combatt / fled and eſchapit himſelf / Hir Majeſtie in the

mentyme willinglie cuming in the cumpany of hir ſaid nobilitie and faithfull ſubjectis fra Carbarry hill to Edinburgh / quhair efter they had oppinnit and declarit unto hir hienes hir awin eſtait and condicioun / and the miſerable eſtait of this realme / with the dangeir that hir deareſt ſone the Prince ſtude in / Requirand that ſhe wald ſuffer and command the ſaid murther and authouris therof to be puniſt / Fand in hir Majeſtie ſic untowardnes and repugnance thairto / That rather ſche apperit to fortefie and mantene the ſaid erll Boithuile and his complices in the ſaidis wickit crymes / nor to ſuffer iuſtice pas forwart / Quhairthrow gif hir Hienes ſuld be left in that ſtate to follow hir awin Inordinat paſſioun / it wald not faill to ſucceid to the final confuſioun and exterminioun of the haill realme / Sua that efter mature conſultatioun be commoun advyſe / IT is thocht convenient / concludit and decernit / that hir Majeſties perſoun be ſequeſtrat fra all ſocietie of the ſaid erll Boithuile / and fra all having of intelligence with him or ony utheris quhairby he may have ony comfort to eſchaip dew puniſment for his demeritis / And finding na place mair meitt nor commodious for hir Majeſtie to remane into Nor the hous and place of Lochlevin / Ordanis commandis and chargeis Patrik Lord Lindſay of the Byris Williame Lord Ruthven and William Douglas of Lochlevin To pas and convoy hir Majeſtie to the ſaid place of Lochlevin / and the ſaid Lard to reſſave hir thairin / and thair thay and every ane of thame to keip hir Majeſtie ſuirlie within the ſaid place / and on na wyſe to ſuffer hir pas furth of the ſame / or to have intelligence fra ony maner of perſonis Or yit to ſend advertiſmentis or direct hir intelligence with ony levand perſonis / except in ther awin preſence and audience Or be the commandiment and directioun of the Lordis underſubſcrivand or ane part of thame repreſenting the counſall at Edinburgh or utherwiſe quhair thai ſall reſort for the tyme As thai will anſuer to God and upon thair dewitie to the commoun weill of this cuntrie Kepand thir preſentis for thair warrand / Attour the ſaidis Lordis and utheris underſubſcrivand / obliſſis thame and ther airis faithfullie and promittis to the ſaid Patrik Lord Lyndeſay Williame Lord Ruthven William Douglas of Lochlevin /

and thair airis To releve and keip thame ſkaithles of the reſſaving keping and detenying of the Quenis Majeſties perſoun in maner foirſaid And to fortefie mantene and defend thame fra all levand creatures that in the law or by the law wald preſume to perſew or Invade thame for the ſamyn ·

ATHOLL · MORTOUN ·
GLENCARNE · MAR ·
J · GRAHAME · ALEX^{R} · L · HWME ·
SANQUHAR · SYMPYL ·
WCHILTRE ·

NOtarial Proteſt at the Caſtle of Lochleven by William Douglas of Lochleven in the preſence of the Queen ·

27 Sanctiſſimo chriſti Inuocato Nomine Amen per hoc preſens publicum Inſtrumentum Cunctis Innoteſcat quod Anno Incarnacionis dominice milleſimo quingenteſimo ſexageſimo ſeptimo menſis vero Julij die vigeſimo octauo Indictione decima Anno Regnj ſereniſſime Regine ſcotorum Marie Anno vigeſimo quarto In mei notam publice et teſtium ſubſcriptorum preſencia Perſonaliter conſtitutus Nobilis vir Willielmus Douglace de lochlevin acceſſit ad perſonalem preſenciam prefate ſupreme domine noſtre Marie Regine ſcotorum prout ſequitur in wlgari And ther exponit and declarit to hir Majeſtie how It wes cumin to his knawlege that hir hienes being within his houſe had be hir lettres ſubſcriuit be hir hand dimittit and ourgevin hir croun and auctorite In fauouris of hir ſone the prince / without the ſaid Williamis knawlege / And alſua he wes Informit that the nobilite and certane vtheris eſtatis of the realme war paſt to Striuiling according to hir hienes ſaid commandiment to croun the prince and Inveſt hym in this kyngdome / And therfore deſirit hir Maieſtie ſen he wes ignorant of hir proceding and of the ſubſcriptione of the ſaidis lettres to the quhilk hir grace anſurit that he was abſent that culd not

knaw hir Maieſties proceding nor ſubſcription and maid na compulſion nor coactione therto noder be word nor deid And than the ſaid William ſaid that it wald pleiſe hir hienes to pas to ſtriueling and ther declair frelie hir awin pleſour and will quhair vnto he offerit hym to convoy hir hienes Quha anſurit that for the preſent ſche culd nocht be prepairit to pas thair bot deſirit the ſaid William that ſche micht remane in his place and vſe hir ſelf at hir eas and quietnes as ſche has done heir to fore Affirmand the lettres quhilkis ſche ſubſcriuit to the effect abone writtin to be of propir motive quhilkis ſche now as of before the ſubſcription therof ratifiit and apprevit In reſpect therof the ſaid Williame proteſtit that hir maieſtie ſuld not be comptit heireſtir as captiue or in preſon with hym Quhilk proteſtation hir Maieſtie allowit and admittit De et ſuper quibus omnibus et ſingulis premiſſis ſepefatus Willielmus Douglace A me notario publico ſubnotato ſibi fieri et tradi peciit hoc preſens publicum Inſtrumentum ſiue plura publica Inſtrumenta Acta erant hec apud Lochlevin horam circiter vndecimam ante meredíem .... ſub Anno die menſe Indictione et regnj antedictis quibus ſupra Preſentibus Ibidem honorabilibus viris videlicet Thoma Diſchinton de Ardroſs Dau ..... penſionario de breching Georgio Douglace et thoma cherie notario publico teſtibus ad premiſſa vocatis pariter et Rogatis &c·

Et ego Joannes feyrn preſbiter ſanctiandree dioceſeos publicus ſacra auctoritate apoſtolica notarius ac dominos per conſilij admiſſus Quia premiſſis omnibus et ſingulis dum ſic vt premittitur dicerentur agerentur et fierent vnacum prenominatis teſtibus preſens perſonaliter interfui Eaque omnia et ſingula ſic fieri vidi dici et audiui ac in notam ſumpſi Ideoque hoc publicum Inſtrumentum manu mea propria fideliter ſcriptum exinde confeci et in hanc publicam Inſtrumenta formam redegi Signoque nomine cognomine et ſubſcriptione meis ſolitis et conſuetis ſignauj ſubſcripſi et roboraui In fidem et teſtimonium veritatis omnium et ſingulorum premiſſorum Rogatus et Requiſitus ·

Joannes Feyrne notarius publicus ·

Commiſſion to reſſave the comptis of gold and ſilver &c ·

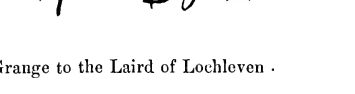
28 James be the grace of God King of Scottis To all and ſindrie oure liegis and ſubdittis to quhais knawlege thir our lettres ſall cum greting Wit ȝe ws with expres conſent and aſſent of oure derreſt couſing James Erll of Murray Lord Abernethie regent to ws oure realme and liegis to have gevin grantit and committit and be thir our lettres gevis grantis and committis oure full power &c to William Maitland of Lithingtoun ȝoungar oure Secretare Maiſter Robert Richertſoun Commendatare of Sanct Marie Ile oure Theſaurare Sir Johne Bellenden of Auchnowle Knycht Clerk of oure Juſticiarie and David Fores Generall of our Cunȝiehous Or ony thrie of thame conjunctlie To reſſave and ſycht the Comptis of all gold and ſilver reſſavit be oure traiſt couſing and counſalour James erll of Mortoun Lord of Dalkeyth fra the Quene our derreſt Moderis ſervandis or utherwayis ſen the tent day of Junij laſt bipaſt to the dait heirof To charge diſcharge and perfyte and fute the ſaidis comptis and the ſamyn attentiklie to ſubſcrive &c Gevin under our ſignet and ſubſcrivit be oure ſaid derreſt couſing and regent At Edinburgh the xiij day of October And of oure regnne the firſt ȝeir 1567 ·

James Earl of Murray Regent to The Laird of Lochleven ·

29 Broder efter our hertlie commendatioun / We haif writtin to Farny for ane buk and to Cleiſhe to gar ſend yow a twn of wyne / As to George Pyngill althocht we think ther be na Inconvenient / howbeit he pas furth or tary In at his pleſure / ȝit quhill our Returning fra Dumbertane and hering of word out of England It is meitt that he byde ſtill / And ſa ȝe

ſall declair unto him Thus We commit ȝow to God At Stirling In ſum haiſt the iiij of Januar 1567 ·

ȝour brother

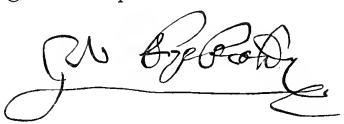


Sir William Kirkcaldy of Grange to the Laird of Lochleven ·

Rycht honourabill I haue inquyret quhat I cann to gett the trew knawlege of all them that wer of the conſaill and conſpyracye of the Quene taken out of Lochleavin and as ȝit I beleif I haue not gottin the veritye of all thyngis but this far is tauld me · It wes anes myndit to haue tane ȝour gret boitt with diſguyſſet men and ſa cum to the place and tane hir out perforce but ſeyng that ȝe laid vp the gret boitt It wes anes devyſet to haue maid iiij boittis that ſould haue careit xl men in the nycht and lykwys tane hir owt perforce ſeyng that this could not tak effect It wes devyſſit to haue ſtollin men in Sanct Serfis ynche and the moyen ſould haue be drawin be George to haue cauſet ȝow carey the Quene furth to haue playet hir in the ſaid ynche Seyng that all thir iij tuk na effect this laſt wes tane on hand and executed devyſſet be the Quene ſelf George and the lad Willie and Curſſell wes on the conſaill quha refauit all writyngis meſſages and takens fra Willie ſend be George to the Quene · I can try na may of ȝour ſervandis to be of this conſaill / and ȝit I perſaue Johne Dryſdaill to haue bene a carier of bayth lettres and meſſages fra hir but ſa far as I can learne he wes not derectlye vpone the conſaill of hir way taking but ſuſpected / and that becauſe they did anes ſpaik of the gret bott to hym quhilk thay Juget to be revelit be hym but to ſay the truth It apperis to me the lad Willie wes lang of conſaill / and it wes conſailit hym to tell ȝow that quhilk he tauld ȝow as to them that cam in cumpany with the Lord Seiton I neid not to tell ȝow their names but

James Wartlaw wes their guyd and laid them quyetlye in the hill quhar thay mycht ſe the goyng in and out of the boitt quhen I knaw farther ȝe ſall vnderſtand It and ſa I commit ȝow to the eternall at Edinburgh caſtell the firſt of Junij

ȝouris to his power



To the Rycht honorabill
Lard of Lochlewin .

The dwbill of the Letter ſend to the King of France fra the Nobilite for our Soverane .

31 Pleiſe ȝoure Maieſtie to Reduce to your memorie how we wreit to your Maieſtie of the ewill handilling of our ſouerane Lady be certane of hir wnfaythfull and deſaitfull ſubiectis In quhom ſcho had maiſt confidens and had the haill reule of hir effaris / Be takkin of hir graceis perſoune and haldyn in preſoun and takkyn hir ſtrynthis mwnitioun and all hir ryches Jouellis revenuis and all that ſcho had and left hir na thing / And how thai Intend and ȝitt Intendis to Reif hir bayth of hir lyf and crown and autorite ſene ſcho eſchaipit furtht of thair handis and preſoun · And at thatt tyme we maiſt humblie ſocht ȝoure Maieſteis help and ſupport to hir / be ȝoure Imbaſſadoure Sr de Bevmond ſuttit to hir / to repone and ſtabilis hir Maieſtie In hir awin place and autorite royell And ſiclyk at thatt tyme thair wes with hir grace certane of ws hir nobilite quhay evir hes and wilbe hir faythfull ſubiectis at all tymes / be quhom hir grace deſyrit to be convoyit of Hamiltoun to ane of hir awin ſtrynthis callit Dumbartane (albeit the greiteſt part of hir nobilite with thair forces hir graceis faworaris and aſſiſterris wes nocht cumit to hir) And be the way the Erle of Murray and certane wnnaturall and Inobedient ſubiectis be his and thair conſpyraceis lay In the way for hir diſtructioun

and ſlauchter or ſcho mycht haif paſt to Dumbartane quhair be the temerite and raſchenes of ȝoung men / and Incircumſpect conditt of our folkis thair wes ſum lytill defait of ane part therof to lytill effect / Except takkin and haldin in captyve ſum of our pryncipell men / Quhairby thair freindis and ſeruandis may nocht ſa weill tak armoure to do ſeruice Indwrand the tyme of thair captiuite / And be this ocatioun Oure ſouerrane Lady hes now mair neid of ȝoure Maieſties help and ſupple with ȝour forces nor of befoir · And als ſcho Is cumit In proper perſoun ongaitvort In Ingland to ȝour Maieſtie for to ſeik ȝoure Maieſties help and affiſtans · And ſen ȝoure Maieſtie forbearis hes ay bein protectouris and defenderis of this our realme and ane auld leig therapoun betuix tham · Now at this preſent We will maiſt humblie ſwte at ȝoure Maieſties hand to ſchaw and declair In deid ȝoure affectionat kyndnes tovert this realme In haiſte makkin of ſupport to the releif of our ſouerrane that It may be knaving till all contrayis and nationis that ȝe will ſchaw ȝour pryncelie favouris In furtht ſetting of our ſouerrane and mantenying of hir In hir neceſſite Quhairthrow that gif ȝoure Maieſtie ſall haif ado with oure ſeruice in ony tymes cuming / We ſalbe redde to wair our guddis and bodeis In ȝoure Maieſties ſervice As findre of our forbeyaris hes doun of befoir And for our ſelfis we ar all fullie delyuert to ſett fordwort our ſouerrane Lady to hir pryncelie honour and autorite as Juſt heretour of this realme with all our forces bayth of men ſubſtans our landis and lyffis · And that ȝoure Maieſties help and ſupport be heir with all dilligens In ſchort tyme maiſt humblie we deſyre / This eftir our maiſt humlie commendatioun of our ſeruice / Prayis almichty God to preſerue ȝoure Maieſtie Of Dunnoun the

Letter to the Duik of Alva fra the Nobilitie for our Soverane ·

32 Ad Celſitudinem veſtram dum has literulas damus / Illuſtriſſime princeps / hoc tantum In votis habemus / vt quam Indigne / ne dicam Im-

maniter et barbare princeps noſtra Scotorum Regina / ab Anglorum regina tractata ſit et detenta notum et compertum habeas · Noſtra ſiquidem regina (alterius Illecta multiplicibus pollicitis / partim Scriptis / partim ab oratoris ſui ore prolatis / de tutela / auxilio / et protectione Ipſius / contra ſuos quoſdam ſeditioſos hoſtes / rebelles et conſpiratores / qui doloſe et proditorie manus ſceleratas In ipſam coniecerunt / Incarceratam diu detinuerunt / arces et fortalicia dolis et technis Interceperunt / Sceptrum et authoritatem eius regalem vſurpauerunt / eique aſſiſtentes occiderunt) eandem In angliam Ingreſſa eſt / vt Illac proficiſceretur In Galliam et Hiſpaniam · Nihilominus regina noſtra Illic adhuc moram trahente / altera quam pro ſorore habuit reſcidit pacta et conuenta / Sic ut per illa ſtaret quo minus regina noſtra / aut maieſtatis ſue oratores per angliam proficiſcerentur in galliam vel vt ipſa tuta et Incolumis In natale ſolum repedaret atque rediret Id quod principibus omnibus Inuiſum odioſum et abominabile eſſe debet dum audiunt reginam a regina ſpe pollicite amicitie tam Inimice [de]tineri · Quocirca · C · veſtram ſuppliciter obteſtamur / vtpote In quem Regine noſ[tre] ſpes tota ynclinata recumbit vt cauſam eius tam lachrymabilem ſedulo perpendas / et vt Scribas efficaciter ad Anglie reginam / Remque ipſam ob oculos magnificentiſſimi Hiſpaniarum regis proponas / quatenus Ipſe pro regina noſtra cum Anglie regina literis agat aſperrimis / vt vel eius auſpiciis libertate donetur ut citra Impedimentum In galliam ſi velit proficiſcatur / vel In patriam ſuam reuertatur · Principum revera eſt principibus opitulari [potius] quam oppreſſos et peſ[funda]tos remorari et in arcta cuſtodia concludere [Nunquam n]os fugit qua formidabilis quamque terribilis ſit · C · veſtra regine anglorum / et Literis tuis [amiciſſ]imis non mediocre calcar illi addetur · Lectis Interim literis veſtris aliorumque principum Actiſque et proceſſibus quibus vſa eſt in Regine noſtre maieſtatem / longe Infra regalem honorem et dignitatem / ad amuſſim trutinatis et perpenſis / movebit ipſam haud dubie vt regine noſtre Iter patefaciat vt libere regni ſui limites egredi poſſit · Quia ſi Amplitudo veſtra regine noſtre excellentiam tantam proſequatur gratitudine / Nos qui Maieſtati

eius per omnia obſequimur perpetuo · C · veſtre obnoxios effeceris · Itidem ardentiſſimis votis humilime precamur ut nobis preſidio eſſe velis / militibus aliquot et munitionibus bellicis huc miſſis ad regine noſtre ſublimitatem ad recuperandas expugnandaſque arces Ipſius / que ab eius aduerſariis fallaciter Intercipiebantur · Apud Largis penultimo die menſis Julij 1568 ·

Per veſtre illuſtriſſime celſitudinis
obſequitiſſimos ·

This preſent Is to certifie ȝour · C · of the wncurtis and Inhumane handilling (ne dicam barbaricam) of our ſouerrane the Quenis Maieſtie of Scotland be the Quene of Ingland · Quha wnder the hoip of the greit and monifauld promis of the ſaid Quein of Ingland bayth be wrytingis and hir Imbaſſadouris ſpeikin of the ſupple affiſtans and mantennyng of hir agane ane certane of hir awyne rebellis and conſpiratouris (that had falſlie be treſſoun pwt handis in hir perſoun and lang haldin in captiuite takin of hir ſtrynthis / wſurpyng of hir authorite and crovne and ſlaying of hir men affiſtant to hir) Intrat In Ingland to haif cumit throucht to France and to Spanȝe · Nochttheles our Quein being within that realme / the fair promeſſis wer brokkin and forȝet ſa that ſcho wald noder tholl our Quein to pas throw hir cuntre to France nor hir Imbaſſadoris nor ȝit hir ſelf returne hame frelie to hir avin cuntre as ȝit · quhilk is ane odius thing to all prences to heir ſic wnfrindfull handilling wnder the promeſs of freindſchep and kyndnes · Quhairfor We maiſt humblie beſeikis ȝour C · as he quhom Intill our Quein maiſt ſpecielly confydis In / to pondir hir cauſe · And to wreit expreſſe and effectuſlie to the Quein of Ingland (mein It to the maiſt magnifik the kyng of Hiſpan ȝour ſouerrane to writ ſcharplie to the Quein of Ingland) to thoill hir odir to cum to France or returne hyr to hir awin cuntre and nocht to ſtay hir · quhilk is all prynces partis rather to ſupport prynces that ar oppreſſit or Iniurit be thair awin ſubiectis nor to hald thame captyve · We knaw the Quein of

Ingland ſtandis in gretar feir of ȝour · C · and ȝour gud and ſcharp wryting will cauſs hir do mekill And quhen ſcho ſeis ȝour · C · letter and wther prynces · And als ſeand hir awin procedingis tovert our ſouerane ſa fer agane all pryncelie honour and dignite It will cauſe hir delyuir our Quein owt of hir realme / And ȝour · C · doand this gratitud to our Quein and ſouerrane ſall addett ws that ar faythfull ſervandis and ſubiectis to hir Maieſtie to ȝour ſeruice And als we maiſt humblie beſeik ȝour · C · with help of ane part of ȝour ſoldartis and mvnitioun to our ſouerane to recover hir ſtrynthis quhilkis ar falſlie tane be the conſpyratouris that Is contrar to hir ·

Lord Hereis to the Archbiſhop of San& Andrews ·

33 My Lord efter my hartlie commendationis of ſeruice I reſſauit ane writtin of my lord of ergylis this fryday at twa houris in the mornyng deſyrand me to be vpone ſonday in Glaſgo with my freindis and folkis My Lord I haue writin to his Lordſhip that glaſgo is far furth of my way And I cane nott ſa far laive my cuntre haveand ſa mony ennemeis behind my hand bot vpone ſum gret purpois being fullie aduerteiſt therof befoir / I haue promeiſt to be vpone monday at evin about Crafurd John or vpone the head of the watter of Douglas quhilk in a manner is all ane And gyf his Lordſhip thair will aduerteis me that nycht quhat gud reſolutioun he has fullie determinat with the adwyſe of ȝour Lordſhip I will ſett fordwart to it and thairin do my vtter power · ȝour Lordſhip knawis rycht weill that glaſgo is rycht far fra me and werie troubleſum to bring my folkis throw thay cuntreis and quhen we ſkall and I haid neuer ſafar ſaid in the contrarie thay will tak our freindis geir or thay want / And therfoir I wald be werie laithe ȝe in a manner I cane nocht weill cum ſua far doun in that cuntre And as ȝour Lordſhip knawis to cum throw Douglaſdaile and the head of Cliddiſdaile and Drumlangrik and thair fauoraris thair till haue thame ſa lang aduerteiſt to ly in my way

in my returne / it is nocht eſy to be done And therfoir this is to be adwyſit in his Lordſhips directionis · I wnderſtand that the day of our foirfaltour is the xviij day · alſſar as mycht convenientlie be I wald that foirnoin paſt or we invaidit thame ffor that we mycht declair to the Quene of Ingland it come of thair perſut the breking of the commonyng ſche haid appointit / howbeit I wnderſtand be Gavis Riche quha is laitlie cumit fra the Erle of Murray that he menis nocht to keip his writtin maid to the ſaid Quene ſaying the lordis his fallois ar diſſparit and will nocht gyf him leve nochtwithſtanding he intendis efter the parliament to ſend twa or thre in Ingland for to reſſoun that matter gyf the Quene will ſa accept it oppinyng thir headis to ȝour Lordſhip ſpecialie becaus I was ane ſpekar in to it with the Quene and counſale of Ingland avaiting vpone ȝour commandement one monday at evin vpone the head of Douglas watter deſyring ȝour Lordſhip to reſpect quhat inconvenient it is to me to pas to glaſgo except I ſe thairin befoir ſik vrgent neceſſitie Leving to trouble ȝow farder I pray God haue ȝow in his keipyng Off Lochmaben the xiij of Auguſt at twa houris in the mornyng 1568 ·

ȝour Lordſhip to command with ſeruice at my power ·

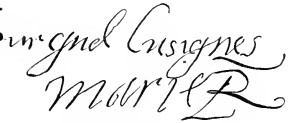
HCVS

To my Lord My Lord Ariſbiſchop of Sanctandros ·

Mary Queen of Scots to the Archbiſhop of Sanct Andrews ·

34 Reuerend fader · We greit ȝow veill · We haif reſſauit ȝour vrytingis be the biſchope of Roſs and hes vnderſtand the ſamyn We haif vrittin in ciphere to my Lord Flemyng quha will mak ȝow participant therof And ſall wryt to ȝow at mair lenth quhen the nixt occaſioun ſervis Referring the reſt thairto and to ȝour gud diſcretioune Swa committis ȝow to the

protectioune of God Almychtie Off Bowtoune the xxvij of ſeptember 1568 ·



To Ane Reuerend fader The Archibiſchop of Sanctandrois ·

Copy of my Lord Argill Cypher fra the Quene xvj Decembris [1568 ·]

As to the eſtait of my effaris I dowt nott bot ȝe haif outherſtand at the convention in Ȝork our rebellis wes confundit in all that thay culd allege als for covering of thair inſurrection and impreſonyng of me perſaving the quhilk thay did ſaymekill be moyen of ſum of the Queyn of Inglandis miniſteris that aganis hir promeſe ſche hes lattin thame haif hir preſens and to colour thair cummyng towart hir ſaid ſche wald hir ſelf outherſtand the continvation of this conferens to the effect the ſammyn ſuld be the mair promptle endit with ſum happy owtgait to my honour and contentment / and therfor deſyrit that ſum of my commiſſionaris ſuld pas towart hir immediately / Bot the procedingis hes ſenſyne ſchawin it wes nocht the But ſche ſchoit at for the mater hes beyn prolongit be delayis / in the meyn tyme the rebellis practeſit ſecreitly with hir and hir miniſteris Sway thay haif convenit and accordit that my ſone ſalbe deliverit in hir handis to be nvrefit in the cuntre as ſche ſall think guid / Item declaring hym to be abill to ſuccede eftir hir dethe in kaiſe ſche haif na ſucceſſione of hir bodye / and that for hir ſecurite the caſtellis of Edinburgh and Sterling ſalbe in the Inglis menis keping on the ſaid Quenis expenſis / Item with hir moyen and concurrens of the erle of Murraye and his adherentis the caſtell of Dunbartan ſalbe aſſegit and tane owt of Flemynis handis and lyikwyis randerit to the Quene of Ing-

landis behuif and keping Provyding that the premiſſis be kepit ſche hes promiſit to ſupport and mantein the erle of Murray and his adherentis in the vſurpatione of my authorite / and cauſe hym be declarit legittime to ſuccede to the crowne of Scotland efter the deceſs of my ſaid ſone in kaiſe he be but barnis gottin of his bodie And thairby the erle of Murraye ſall acknawlege to hald the realme of Scotland in few of the Quene of Ingland / this is all the equite of my cauſe (the congnoſcens of the quhilk I traiſtit in the ſaid Queyn) hes beyn reverſit and miſerabille ſauld for the rwyne of my realme gyf God and guid ſcottis hartis of my faythfull ſubiectis Remeid nocht the ſammyne / ȝit this is nocht all / thair is ane wthir intelligence and ligue mair ſecreit betuix the erle of Murraye and the erle of Harford quhay ſuld marie ſecretar Cecillis dochthir that dreſſis all thir drachthis The quhilk legue the ſaidis erle of Murraye and Harford ſuld manteine and fortefye ilk ane wther in the ſucceſſioun that ilk ane of tham pretendis on his awine ſyid that is to ſaye / the erle of Murraye on the ſyid of my realme be raſoun of the ſaid Legittimatione And the erle of Harford on the ſyid of Ingland becaus of vmquhyill Dame Katharene on quhom he begat twa barnis / Sway thay will bayth be bent to my ſonnis dethe / quhay beyng anis owt of my ſubiectis handis quhat cann I hoip for bot ane lamentabill tragedie ? Thir things ar concludit amangis the chief of my rebellis and the antient and naturall enymeis of my realme / And thair reſtis nay thing now bot moyen to eſtablis and aſſuir the ſaid erle of Murraye in his vſurpacione / To begin the ſammyne thay wald haif perſuadit me be craft to haif liberallie demittit my crowne and conſent to the regencie of the ſaid erle of Murraye And to cauſe me condiſcend to ſik ane vnhappye thyng thair hes beyn all craft with boſting and fair promeſis that wes poſſibill / Bot ſeyng I wes reſoluit to do nay thing therin to thair profeit the Queyne of Ingland hes namit new commiſſionaris with thayme that wes all radye deput in nummer of the quhilk the ſaid Cecill and wtheris of his factione ar therin And nocht permitting me to paſs thair and declair my awin reſonnis that thay wald haif pretendit in the ſaid conference Quhilk

beyng brokin for contravenyng that the ſaid Queyn of Ingland hes maid of hir promeſis quhilk wes that ſche ſuld nocht permit the erle of Murraye cum in hir preſence affoir that the ſaid conference wes endit And Mairattour that thair ſuld be nay thing dwin to the preiudice of my honour eſtait and rycht that I may haif in this cuntre eftir hir / My ſaidis commiſſionaris left the ſaidis conference the ſext of this mvneth with ſolempnit proteſtacionis that all quhilk war dwin thairin to my preiudice in ony ſort ſalbe null and of nay effect nor valour / And thairon thay ar deliberat to cum away ſay ſwne as thay maye / Quhairof I thocht guid to adverteiſs 3ou to the effect that 3e may ondirſtand the verite of the mater / and informe 3our freyndis of the ſamyne I pray 3e to aſſembill all my fathfull ſubiectis togidder and fyrſt releve the caſtell of Dumbartane fray Invading therof be rebellis as I haif wryttin to Huntlie to cum forthervartis in 3our aſſiſtance and do all hyndir and ewill 3e may to the ſaidis rebellis And ſtoppe thair returnyng haymvart gyf it may be poſſibill for thaye wilbe radye affoir 3ou gyf 3e mak nocht haiſt Sway 3e beyng all togyddir aſſemblit in conventione nocht fering that I ſall diſchairge 3e in 3our procedingis as I did the laſt tyme / 3e ſall declair and ſchawe publictly be oppin proclamation the foirſaid conſpirace and traſone quhilk the rebellis hes conſperit aganis the weill of the realme Intending to put the ſammyn to execution to the wtir diſtructione therof gyf thay be nocht ſtoppit in dew tyme And thairfor gyf 3e with my haill fathfull ſubiectis and all trew ſcottis hartis will do diligence to ſtoppe the performatione of thair intention and hyndir thaym of this wyntyr tyid quhilk maiſt erniſtly 3it as of befoir I pray 3oue to do We ar maiſt aſſuirit that on the ſpring of the 3eir 3e ſall haif ſufficient releif of wthir freyndis ·

This is the Copy of my ſephar quhilk your Lordſhip ſall raſaue ·

Erygle

The Earl of Huntly to Mary Queen of Scots ·

36 Pleis your Maieſtie ſen my laſt diſpeche to your hines I come heir to Aberdeine quhair I had of befoire prowidit to remane ane part of this winter And prewenit ſum part be reſſone of your Maieſties laſt lettre ſchawand me to hawe beine debarrit frome halding of ſwm courttis heir quhilk your hienes may perſawe to be bot factionis for I firſt dreſſit me to the north partis quhair I tuik ordour for your hienes ſerwice And now hes done the lyk heir for the proweſt of Aberdene hes randerit all to me in your Maieſties name And I hawe his howſs ȝit in my poſſeſſioune And alſs his pledge for his ſerwice to ȝour Maieſtie In all tymis heirefter / by his the haill townſchippis ſubſcriptioune of ane generall band to the ſamyn effect Swa that with Goddis helpe your Maieſtie ſall fynd your ſerwice weill adwancit in thir partis quha ewir wald the contrar Als the erle of Atholl hes bene at ane conwentioun in Dundie quhair he deſyrit all the noble men and barronis to cum that he belewit fawourit ····· him ſelf or the erle of Murray in Angowſs mernis or the north partis that be ··· adwyſis he mycht hawe exceptit the lewetennendrie of the ſaid erle of Murray ··· nane come thair bot Robert Dowglaſs callit erle of Bochane the lord Glamys ··· lardis of Inuerforrettie Pittarrow Maſter James Halyburtoun and the proweſt of ſanctandrois The erle of Atholl hes contenewit his conwentioun to the xij day of this moneth / quhat procedis thair your Maieſtie ſalbe aduertiſit Alwayis gif the erle of Atholl except ſic office with Goddis helpe your grace ſall heir that his commoditie thairby ſall be ſmall efter the making of the premiſſis I reſſauit thre of your Maieſties lettres the thrid day of this moneth And ane of the dait the vj day of december Ane vther the xvij day and the laſt fra George Skynner him ſelf the firſt twa be my Lord Arbrothokis conwoy thankand your Maieſtie humblie of your graceis aduertiſment and newis and perſawis thairby the vnthankfulnes of your hienes awin ſubiectis to quhome your grace hes ſchawin ſa greit

guidnes And yit I traiſt in God that he ſall mowe the Quene of Ingland to confidder the Rycht of your graceis cawſe and hir awin preparatiue And vther princes gif this be ſufferit vnpuniſſit . . . . . ſall tak ſic ordour for your Maieſties honour as becumis ane prince to do for ane vther And as to the perticullarris contenit in your Maieſties lettre I ſall leif na thing vndone ſafar as my ſobir Judgement or power may to the adwancement of your graceis ſerwice Als the biſchope of Roſs howſs wes ſtollin be my Lord of Murrayis ſerwandis and ane ſerwand of the biſchopis ſlaine And Incontinent therefter in Kynloſs the tutour of Lowett And the archeden of Roſs aſſeigit the ſam agane with xij^{e} men that it wes recowerit agane within xxiiij houris And the men tane and Juſtefiett forther quhat ſerwice pleiſs your Maieſtie command me with ſall be ewir fulfillit efter my power And this &c^{a} Efter maiſt humbill commendatioune of my ſerwice to your hienes prayis the eternall God to be your graceis preſerwer in gud health and proſperows ſucceſs in all your Maieſties cawſis At Aberdene the viij day of Januar 1568 ·

The wedder hes bene ſa ewill heir this tuentie dayis paſt that it wes nocht poſſible till ane to trawell vtherwayis I ſuld hawe maid your Maieſtie ſowner aduertiſit of my procedingis In this cuntrie quhair I am now occupyit in halding cowrttis for your Maieſties obedience &c^{a} ·

Zour Maieſties humbill and obedient ſubiect and ſervitour ·

HUNTLIE ·

To the Quene ·

The Earl of Argyll to the Proveſt and Baillies of Edinburgh ·

37 Treſt freindis eftir my hartle commendatioun this preſent ſalbe to aduerteis zow that we are informit be our ſouerane Ladeis vrittin how the Erll of Murray intendis to deliuer our prince the caſtellis of Edinburgh and Striueling in Inglifmenis handis for the vter Rewyne of this realme and nobilitie therof / and therfor We thocht guid to mak publik

proclamationis of the ſamyn to latt all ſcottis men knaw the ſamyn that thai pretend na ignorance therin · Heirfoir hes ſend to ȝow ſiklyk to aduerteiſs ȝow therof ane copie of the ſaid proclamatioune to be proclamit at the mercat croce of Edinburgh to lat all guid ſcottis men knaw the veritie The quhilkis we pray ȝow ger proclame the ſame as ve dout nocht bot ȝe will do / and ſua committis yow to God Of Glaſgw the xj day of Januar anno 1568 ·

ȝour guid frynd ·

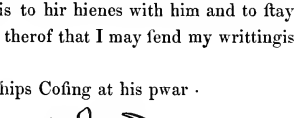
To our treſt freindis the Proueiſt and Bailȝeis of Edinburgh ·

The Earl of Argyll to the Archbiſhop of Sanct Andrews ·

38 My Lorde eftir hertlie commendationis I reſſauit your Lordſhippis lettir this xxvj of Januare efter none togidder with ane pakatt of the Quenis Maieſtie ſent to me and hes decyphirit the ſaming quhairof I will nocht writ to your Lordſhip at this preſent bot referris to meting · I perſaue na thing therin bot gude like as I beleif your Lordſhip hes reſſauit the lyke / as to my directionis to the gentill men of nychttiſdaill and galloway I direct it the ſaming to thame / how ſone I ſend to your Lordſhip the wther lettres · As to the inſtrumentis tane be my Lord of Huntlie and me at the deliuering of the prince to the erle of Mar I ſall ſend to Johnne Grahme for the ſaming quhilk I doubt nocht to get · As to the cuming of the Abbot of Dryburghe to ſpeik with your Lordſhip I am verie glaid therof ſua that ther intentis be to be the Quenis Maieſtie trew ſeruandis and I doubt nocht bot it is hir will that all thai that may be drawin to hir ſeruice be acceptit gif thai will knaw ther dewitie / As to the reſt of Wille Bellis ſpeiking of reportis the ſaming halily is nocht to be fermlie creditit

at all tymes bot ſafer as thai ar confortable latt tham ſtand in effect as thai ar · As to the gathering of our aduerſarie partie I will nocht ſtur thairat for gif we ferit ther convenyngis we ſould nocht gather · And it is ſua now that ather man we be maiſter of the feildis or ellis thai / and as to oure cumpany at the leiſt (gif we be nocht ma) we ſalbe na fewar nor we promeſt · As to the chargis to be maid to the men of the Levenax as your Lordſhip writis becaus I am nocht ſaweill practeſit therwith as your Lordſhip is ȝe ſall caus mak thame to ſik men as ye pleis and haiſt thame to me and I ſall ſubſcrive and ſignet the ſaming and ſend tham to yow agane Sua that thai may be execute be ane officer of armes becaus I haif nocht ane heir of my awin and lat thaim be chargit to ſik day as your Lordſhip pleſis / quhilk ȝe ſall leif out quhill thai cum abak fra me agane / And as for the dounſending of my peiſs I haif had ſeruandis awaytand daly ſen the beginning of this eiſt wynd to haif brocht hir doune and thai mycht neuer remoif of this coiſt bot how ſone poſſible thai may travell the ſaming wilbe at your Lordſhip alwayis thocht the wedder ſtay hir I ſall God willing cum forwardis myſelf with my cumpany Praying yow to caus the wrychtis do the thing thai cann for hir grathing quhill ſche cum doun hir ſelf / I thank your Lordſhip hartly of the reſt of the novellis contenit in your Lordſhippis lettre and So referring the reſt to new aduertiſment or meting having no Forder occaſioun to writt preſently Committis your Lordſhip to the Almychtie God Off Strachquhur this xxvij daye of Januare 1568 Forder I pray your Lordſhip to aduertis me gif ye be myndit to ſend the man away to the Quenis Maieſtie that I may writ ſum cypheris to hir hienes with him and to ſtay him ane quhile quhill I be aduerteſit therof that I may ſend my writtingis with him to the Quenis grace ·

Ȝour Lordſhips Coſing at his pwar ·



To my Lorde of Sanctandrois ·

Charge to ſerche and apprehend Thomas Irland ·

39 Williame Dowglas of Lochlevin We charge ȝou in our Soverane Lordis name To ſerche ſeik tak apprehend bring and preſent before ws at Sanctandrois or quhair it ſalhappin ws to be for the tyme Thomas Irland in the parrochyn of Portmook upoun the ſext day nixteftir the preſenting of this Valentyne to ȝow As ȝe will anſuer upoun the generall band and under the panis contenit in the ſamyn Subſcrivit with our hand At Sanctandrois the vj day of Maij the ȝeir of God I^m V^c lxix ȝeris ·

JAMES REGENT ·

Charge to deliver the Abbay and place of Melroſe to William Douglas of Lochleven ·

40 James be the grace of God King of Scottis To our louittis Meſſingeris &c· We charge ȝou ſtraitlie and commandis that incontinent thir our lettres ſene ȝe pas and in our name and authoritie command and charge all and ſindrie havaris keparis withhaldaris and indwellaris of the Abbay and place of Melros with the ȝairdis or ony thing belanging to the ſaid place To rander and deliver the ſamyn to Williame Douglas of Lochlevin fader and lauchfull adminiſtratour to James Douglas his ſone Commendatare of the ſaid Abbay To be kepit be the ſaid Williame to his utilitie and proffit &c· And ſiclyke that ȝe command and charge Sir Walter Scott of Branxholme knycht baillie of Melros To ſe thir our lettres put in executioun &c· Gevin under our Signet and ſubſcrivit be our ſaid deareſt Couſing and Regent At Sanctandrois the xvj day of Maij And of our regnne the ſecund ȝeir 1569 ·

Teſtificat be ſome Monks of Melros of their being compelled to ſubſcryve the Earl of Bothwells feu ·

41 Be It Kend Till all men To quhome thir preſentis ſalbe ſene Ws brethair of the Abbay of Melros and the leſs pairt of the convent thairof vnderwritting / haifing reſpect to God and gud conſcience and for the werray zeill and lufe that ather of ws beris to the eternall trewth and for the exoneratioun of conſcienſis Be this preſent teſtimoniall affirmis ratyfeis and apprevis that the few that we ſubſcriuit to James erle Bothwell wes ſubſcriuit by all gud ordour for werray dredour and feir of our lyfis and tynſyll of our levyngis quha ſaid In preſens of diuers honorable men that he ſuld exyle ws of the place of Melros tak the keis of our chalmeris frome and ſchortle burne and mark ws with het keis on our chykkis with mony vther Iniurious wordis · And therfor as we ſall anſuer befor the eternall our God quhateuer we did in his fauouris we did the ſamyn for werray feir of our lyffis nocht haiffing reſpect to God nor gud conſciens common weill of the cuntre nor zit our awin wyllis bot as ſaid is for werray feir Be this our teſtimoniall Subſcriuit with our handis AT Melros the xviij day of September 1569 Befor thir witneſis Jhone Stewart of Aldone Robert Wallace in Melros and William Lynlythgw in Drygrange with vtheris diuers ·

THOMAS MEYN ·

JHONE FOURROIS ·

I Jhone Fourrois confeſſis be this preſent to hawe ſubſcriuit James erle Boutwell ſewe In name and behalf of Alexander Bellendan quha culd nocht requhyr me to do the ſamyn bot for feir dyd for hyme as for myſelf ·

BERNARD BOWSTON ·

The Earl of Mar to the Laird of Lochleven ·

42 Traiſt couſing Sen my pacquett wes direct it to ȝow this eſternune I have reſſavit a letter fra David Orme towart his wardouris meanyng It is difficill to him to have the chairge of thame And as I writt of befoir the lyk I have written now Thairfor I think it gude ȝe ſend ſum ſpeciall freind to him with your mynd And to tak ordour thairintill for aucht or ten dayis This mekle I doubt not bot ȝe will do Remitting all uther thingis to meting quhilk I luik for ſchortlie Committis ȝow to God Fra Striviling Caſtell the xxix of Januar 1569 ·

ȝouris att power ·

To My traiſt couſing the Laird of Lochlevin · MAR ·

Dame Annas Keyth widow of the Regent Murray to the Laird of Lochleven ·

43 Brother after my maiſt hartly commendatioun I haif reſaued ȝour hartly letter and hes conſyderit ȝour lowing deſyir thairin quhairof I may thank ȝou with all my hart / ȝour guid will in ſic caces I haif amply found and experimented in tymis paſt And yff my dewyte wald permitt me wald wſe the ſame at this preſent / butt being reſolued with my ſelf for mony conſideratiouns to haif done the ſame · I haif bene anis or twyis bayth be wryttingis and meſſage preaſſed be my Lordis fader to cum to his houſe · And knawing my detfull obedience to him beyond all vtheris nou on lyiff I haif promeiſt him aſſuredlye to be at him / quhilk I dar not nor may not brek · Always quhen It ſall pleis God to grant to me my hoip and deſyir of the yſſhue that I haif eſperance of boyth I and It with me ſall Returne to ȝou · to whome and whois houſe I hald and wald the ſame maiſt tender and deyr · And for all uther thingis I will direct Mr Jhone Wod towardis ȝou to hald ȝou in Remembrance of thay thingis

quhilkis ar neceſſair to be obteyned for the welefair of ȝour brotheris poſterite and poor ſerwandis and help of his creditouris to whais ſuffyciencye I refer the reſt frome Sanctandrois the fyift of februar 1569 ·

ȝour feſter hartly at powir ·

ANNAS KEYTH ·

[To my brother the Laird of Lochlevin ·]

Decreit Arbitral betuix Gabriell Merſer of Sawling and George Dury ·

44 We Patrik Lord Lyndeſay of the byres Robert commendatar of Dunfermeling and Sr James Balfour of Pittendreiche knycht preſident of the college of Juſtice Juges arbitratouris and amicable compoſitouris choſin for the part of David Dury of that Ilk takand the burding vpone him for George Dury his bruthir german on that ane parte And William Douglas of Lochlewin Sr William Scott of balweyrie knycht and Robert Coluill of cleiſhe Juges arbitratouris and amicable compoſitouris choſin for the parte of ane nobill and potent Lord Johnne crle of Mar Lord Erſkyn takand the burding vpon him for Gabriell Merſer of Sawling on that vther perte Anent the hurting of the ſaid Gabriell Merſer and mutulation of Charles Painter his ſeruand And als anent the ſclauchter of vmquhill Dauid Fynlayſone ſeruand to the ſaid George Dury committit in the moneth of ſeptember laſt bypaſt wyth all vther materis actionis and cauſſis that ſtandis In variance and queſtion betuix thame theranent as the compromit maid therupone of the dait the xvj day of Maij Inſtant mair fullie beiris Haveing harde proponit and layit out befoir ws the clamis allegeances anſueris and defenſſis of athers parties wyth ſik cognitioun and knawlege of the beginning occaſioun and committing of the hurting of the allegit mutulatioun and ſlauchter foirſaid Eftir lang reſoning and conference therupone triall and vnderſtanding of the veritie God and gude conſcience being befoir Eis All in voce wyth conſent of the ſaidis burding takkaris and perteis thame ſelffis Decernis Decreittis and for band and ſentence arbitrall finall pronuncis and deliueris that the ſaid

George Dury ſall In preſens of the ſaid Gabriell Merſer and his freindis the day off Compeir and preſent him ſelff opinlie in this toun of Sanctandris as thai ſall think gude and thair declare and confeſs that the hurting of the ſaid gabriell and mutulatioun of his ſeruand wes done vpone na foirthocht felony malice Invy nor hid heitred bot chanceit and caſuall happinnit vpone ſuddentey vithout ony motioun preceiding And for amendis ſall grant he hes offendit the ſaid gabriell is penitent for the ſamin and require meiſt Inteirlie reconciliatioun wyth the ſaid gabriell and to remayn in preſence familiaritie freindſchipe and kyndnes lyk as ſic accidentis and occaſioun of trublis had neuir happinnit nor fallin betuix thame And according therto We decern thame to ſtand in amitie kyndnes lufe and freindſchipe in all tymes cuming And that all actioun that may redound vpoun the trublis forſaidis may be removit and ceis Ordanis the ſaid Gabriell Merſer to delyuer ane Lettre of ſlanis and diſcharge to the ſaid George Dury for the ſaid mutulatioun of his ſervand and of all ſkayth and danger that may Inſhew thairfoir and of all actioun and caus that may be movit aganis thame for the ſamin in the maiſt ſure and ample forme for the ſaid george and his ſeruandis weill and ſecuritie as ſalbe dewiſit be thame And ſiclik decernis and ordanis the ſaid Gabriell the ſam day and place to cum in preſens of the ſaid George Dury and his freindis and thair declair and publiclie confeſs the ſaid vmquhill dauid fynlayſone wes ſlane ſair aganis his will and that he mycht nocht than ſtope nor ſtay the ſamin and ȝit is penitent for the ſchlauchtir committing and cravis forgifnes to the ſaid charlis paintar his ſeruand for the ſamen And that he ſall enter in reconciliatioun with the ſaid George Dury and remayn in familiaritie freindſchipe lufe and kindnes in all tymes cuming removing all Rancour malice and grudge contermit or hade aganis him be occaſioun of the ſaid ſlauchtir And als ordanis the ſaid George to giff and deliuer to the ſaid Gabriell and his ſeruand ane ſufficient lettre of ſlanis and diſcharge of the ſamin ſlauchtir of all ſkeyth danger and perell thai may Incur thairfor and of all actioun and caus thai may haiff aganis thame for the ſamin in maiſt ſure and ample forme ſalbe dewyſit And als

We ordane the ſaid Charlis Paintar to compeir befoir the Abbot of Dunfermeling vpoune the xxij day of this Inſtant and thair in his preſens require forgifnes of the ſaid vmquhill dauid fynlayſouns breider for the ſlauchter committit be him aganis the ſaid vmquhill dauid And this oure decreit arbitrall in all pointis befoir writtin We decern to ſtand in ſtrenth and effect in all tymes heireftir but revocation or agancalling quhatſumeuir In witnes quhairoff We with the ſaidis perteis in takin of thair conſent heirto hes ſubſcriuit the ſamin with our handis At

the day off The ȝeir of God I^{m} V^{c} lxix ȝeiris ·

JHON ERLE OF MAR · S^{R} J · BALFOUR OF PYTTYNDREYCH ·

WILLIAME DOUGLAS OF LOCHLEUIN ·

Letter from the Lords of Scotland to Elizabeth Queen of England ·

May it pleis ȝour Majeſtie knawing be long experience and ſecreit conference (quhilk natour did procure) the grete and erniſt affectioun that noble man the leitt Regent of this realme bure to ȝowr Majeſties ſeruice and how far he wald haiff vtterit the ſame to ȝour Majeſties contentement giff it had pleſitt God to haiff grantit langer ſik ane ſervand to ȝoure heychnes and our ȝoung maiſter and his ſubiectis ſik ane gouernoure And thairfoir hawing that honour to be his bruther and of natour and dewitie mair neir towchit wyth the vnnaturall and vnvorthie takene away of ſa notable ane Inſtrumentt frome his cuntrey and all that crawit the continuance of the purytie of the religioun the amitie and quietnes of boith the realmes and conſequentlie ȝoure Majeſties ſeruice and ſureity of ȝoure couſing our ſoueran and beyth the realmis from Invaſioun of Strangearris I knaw nocht ather to quhom mair Juſtlie I can or may lament and deploir the creuall morther of ſik ane Innocent prince nor to ȝoure Majeſtie Nocht doubting bot as ȝour Majeſtie wes dureing his dayis ſa gude and fauorable ane maiſtres and freind to him and wpone the vther parte he ſa faythfull and trew ſerwand to ȝour

heichnes bott ȝour Majeſtie vill appardoun me to be the baulder to craiſe in thir few termis that it may ſtand with ȝoure Majeſties pleſour to ſeik be all menis the Juſt revenge of his Innocent murther vith the mentenaris and fortefearris of the ſamin that in manifeſt example and awancement of ȝoure Majeſties honour throuch all nationis thai may be brocht to wttir wrack and ruyn quhilk being done ȝoure Majeſtie will procure that na Impediment of frendſchipe fauour and ſeruice be ane occaſioun to hinder the herttis of our ſoueran ȝour Majeſties couſingis true ſubiectis towardis ȝour hichnes quhom to the abominable fact Is ſa deteſtable that thai will ſeik all moyance princes and all nationis to thair ſupport befoir the ſamen pas vnrevengit in the eis of the world quhairthrouch it may be knawin to all vther nationis that there is in this realme as vtheris honeſt herttis that rather will ȝeild the lyfe or that ſik notable attemptis ga without dew pvneiſment quherin we will humilie craiſe ȝour Majeſties aſſiſtence and ſupport befoir all vther Submitting our ſelffis haillie in ȝour heychnes protectioun quhom almychty God euer preſerue ·

Band for purſuing the murderers of umquhill James Earl of Murray ·

46 We the Erlis Lordis gentlemen and barronis undir ſubſcrivand Conſidering the grete loſſe quhilk the commoun welth of this realme and the gude vill favour and kyndnes that everie ane of ws is deſtitute of / In particular throw the leitt treſſonable odius vile and abominable ſlawchter and murthoure of umquhill James erle of Murray Lord Abernethy Regent to our Soverane Lord his realme and lieges quha reſtis with God movit thairfoir of oure debt bound dewtie and allegeance aucht to oure ſouerane Lord and be proximitie of blude aſſured freindſchipe and affectioun quhilkis everie ane of ws bure towardis him that is with God · Wit ȝe ws to be bundin and obleiſt and be the tennour heirof bindis and obleiſis ws and everie ane of ws to utheris to tak efauld trew and plane part togidder and for that effect to concur in ane mynd and deliberatioun

for the avancement of the Kingis Majeſtie oure ſoverane Lordis authoritie and ſervice And in perſute and ſeikene of the revenge of the ſaid murthour aganis the authoris dewiſaris fortifiarris and mentenaris of the ſame as in honour noble and honeſt men profeſſing ane quarrell aucht to do And thereon we ſall beſtow and wair oure lyffis and guidis and neuir ſchrink nor ſeparat this our convictioun for ony caus bot quhatſumevir actioun ſalbe attemptit and execute be ony of ws tending to this end or giff ony of us in proſecutioun of this quarrell ſufferis harme We ſall eſteme the ſamin commoun and elik deir to ws as we will anſuer to God and upoun our honouris treuthis and honeſteis And under the pane of perpetuall Infamy and perjury giff ony of ws feillis or dois in the contrar In witnes heiroff We haiff ſubſcrivit thir preſentis with our handis as followis at the dayis and places particularie eſterſpecifiet

GLENCARN RUTHVEN SYMPYLL ALLAN LORD CATHCART
MAR PATRICK L. LYNDSAY WCHILTRE

Patrick Lord Lindſay to the Laird of Lochleven ·

47 Brother efter my moſt hartly commendatioun Pleis ȝow to wyte that the Superintendend hes written ane letter to me quhilk ȝe ſall reſaue fra this berar and luk quhatt ȝe think beſt to be done in the matter advyſe and advertiſe me agane and in lykmaner I think beſt ȝe ryd ȝourſelf to the Lords and gett ther myndis therintill quhat is beſt to be done and ther effter we may do / I reffar the reſt to the Berer quho to gyff creditt / I will nocht trubbill ȝow to longer letter bot command me to ȝour mother and to ȝour bedfellow and ſwa committis ȝou to God Of the Stincher the xxvj of marche 1570 ·

Be ȝours at puer ·
PATRICK L. LYNDSAY ·

To my Brother the Laird of Lochleuyn Delyuer this ·

Dame Annas Keyth widow of the Regent Murray to the Laird of Lochleven ·

48 Bruther after my maiſt hartlie commendatioun · I haif wnderſtand be diuers meanis that for na laubouris I can mak Hendrie Lawmonthe and wtheris Joynit wyth hym will nocht be content I haif my awne habulliamentis ſeparatit frome the reſt of the geir arreſtit be hym and ſeildome hes bene ſene that gentilvemenis geir and ornamentis ſuld be thus trublit and ſtayit for thair huiſbandis Dettis · I will hartlie deſyir ȝow for the favour of hym that reſtis wyth God that ȝe will caus me be red of ſic faſchius men and vnpleaſand buſynes and that I may haif my clething and ſic thingis as concernis my bodie relewit that I may tranſport my neceſſaris and lat thai gentilmen wſe the reſt of that geir as thay pleis and as thay think thay will anſwer thairfoir / for as to me I will nawayis meddle thairwith nayther wald I wiſche it war loiſt bot wald pray ȝow for the wele of ȝour brutheris barnis to caus ſum truſtie ſeruand of ȝouris will the proweſt and baillies tranſport the ſame out of the ſchipe and place it in the garderobe quhair It wes or ony wthir ſwir houſe taking ane Juſt Inventarie thairof befoir autentik perſounis vnto my cuming ſowth quhen God pleſis to mak me hable And then wyth ȝour adwiſe ordour may be takin wyth that and all wther thingis for the weile of the barnis and quhen the cowfferis ar ſeyrchit that may awne geir may be deliuerit to my ſervandis depending thairvpoun mair nor this monethe bygane · this favour I will craif of ȝow that ȝe will trawaill wyth my Lordis ſeruandis for this my reaſonable requeiſt as my truſt is ȝe will do the ſame and nocht ſuffer me thus to be handillit wythout deſerving · I knaw nocht to quhome rathar I ſuld meine me vnto nor vnto ȝow And my truſt is to fynd ȝow ane faythfull bruther and loving freind wnto my barnis ay and quhill ȝe ſall ſie me deſerue wthirvayis quhilk God willing ȝe ſall neuir Lett malitius toungis be talking the werſt thai can that hes nocht lernit to ſpeik weile · The reſt of all beſines and

ſpecialie concerning the mater of Buchquhane I refar to maiſter Jhone Wod berar heirof · to quhome I truſt ȝe will gif credyt and ſa after my hartlie commendatiounis to my mother and my ſiſter ȝour bedfallow · I commit ȝow to God frome Dunnotter the xxvj Day of marche 1570 ·

ȝour ſiſter at hir power &c° ·

ANNAS KEYTH ·

To my bruther the Laird off Louchlevine ·

John Knox to Sir William Douglas of LochLeven ·

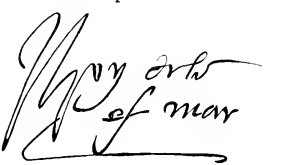
49 After harty commendatioun of my ſeruice unto you rycht wyrſhipfull I receaved your miſſive this laſt of March perceaving tharby the bruite that ye hear of the purpoſe of ſome to tack the Caſtell of Sanctandrois quhilk bruite I eaſely beleve be not alltogidder vane for men will not ſaill to hurt what thei can the quietnes of this realme and to reenter in thare vſurped poſſeſſioun and iniuſt vplifting of the fruitis that never juſtlie did apperteane to ſick Idill bellies · How ſick trublaris may be ſtayed of thare Interpriſes I remitt to God to whoſe counſall I committ yow in that and all other caſes worldly for I haue tacken my gude nycht of it and therfor bear with me gude ſir albeit I writ not to the Superintendent of Fiff in the actioun that ye deſyr as concernyng the excuſe of the tua miniſteris to our Superintendent I ſhall do the beſt that I can when I meitt with him and thus with my harty commendatioun I committ you to the protectioun of the Omnipotent Of Edinburghe the ſam hour I receaued youris this friday att 5 after none 1570 ·

Yours to power in God
trubled in body
JOHNE KNOX ·

To the Ryght Worſhepfull
the Lard of Lochlevin ·

Charge to deliver the Caſtle of St. Andrews to the Laird of Lochleven ·

50 Dauid Orme chalmerlane of ſanctandrois · Becauſe of this difficill tyme and apperance of trubles / I think it meit ȝe delyuer the caſtell of ſanctandrois to the Laird of Lochlevin And for ȝour warrand ȝe ſall keip this my lettre / wnto the tyme ȝe obtene the erle of Mortonis and the reſt of the conſall / gif that houſe be nocht ſwrelie kepit to the Kingis ſeruice it may truble his obedience / this mekle I doupt nocht Bot ȝe wnderſtand / remitting the reſt to the Laird of Lochlevins aduerteiſment · Subſcriuit with my hand at Striuiling caſtell the x off aprile 1570 ·



To my traiſt freind
Dauid Orme chalmerlane of
Sanctandrois ·

The Earl of Mar to the Laird of Lochleven ·

51 Rycht honorable and traiſt couſing eftir hartlie commendationes I haue reſſauit ȝour writing / Towart the Lettre ȝe deſyrit to Dauid Orme ȝe ſall reſſaue the ſame ſubſcriuit be My Lordis of Mortoune Glencairne and me · As to the erle of Lenox ſerwand he wes of mynd to haue cumed to ȝow / Bott he alterit purpoiſe and depertit with all diligence to meit his Maiſter / the lettres he ſould haue delyuerit Drumquhaſill hes ſent thame with my Lord Lindſayis ſerwand · The erle of athole hes bene heir deſyring a begynnyng of conference / As I wnderſtand my Lord of Mortoune hes writtin to the Lord Lindſay to that effect ȝe ſall deſyre him nocht to faill to cum as he beis aduerteiſit ffor he hes bene ouir ſweir this quhyll · As ffarder occaſioun ſall ſerue ȝe ſalbe aduerteſit I will nocht writt any farder in perticular quhill our meting · Sua Eftir my hartlie

commendationes to my ſiſter and all the reſt of ȝour gude cumpany Committis ȝow to God ffra Striueling caſtell the xv day of aprile 1570 ·

ȝour Rycht affurit freind to my powar ·

JHON ERLE OF MAR ·

To the Rycht Honorable and my
traiſt couſing the Laird of Lochlevin ·

Earls of Mar Mortoun and Glencairn to the Laird of Lochleven ·

52 Eftir our hartlie commendatioune / vpoun the Reſſett of ȝour lettir we haue written to Dauid Orme To deliuer the caſtell of Sanctandrois to ȝow / And ſiclik hes writtin to the Laird of Rankilour for anſuering ȝow of ſiclik dewtie as was appointit of befoir to Dauid Orme / for keiping of the ſaid caſtell / we will pray ȝow howſone ȝe may commodyouſlie to Reſſaue it / And gif the pledgis being tharin beis not deliuerit to the erle of Mortoune befoir ȝour Reſſett therof / ȝe ſall Reſſaue thame and keip thame quhill he ſend for thame quhilk will not be lang / My Lord of Mortoun beis the morne at none in Dumfermeling / quhair we would wyſche ȝe ſuld meit him for conferring with him vpoune ſic thingis as ȝe ſall knaw at ȝour ſpeiking with him / We haue writtin to Dauid Orme that ȝe will tak ordour with him for the byrun exſpenſſis ſen our commandyment gevyn vnto him As to that ane day mon be appointit for hering of his comptis And Ordour taken with the chalmerlane of the biſchoprig for payment thairof / ſua ſone as he may / gif the ſame be not done alrady / And gif ony thing be Reſtand awand / preceding our commandyment gevyn vnto him his comptis mon be ſene and aſſignationis prowydit tharfoir And ſua We commit ȝow to the protectioun of the Almichtie / frome Streveling the xv of aprile 1570 ·

ȝour affurit freindis ·

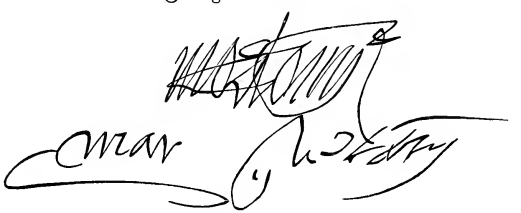
MORTOUN · MAR · GLENCARNE ·

To our traiſt freind
the Laird of Lochlevyn ·

Earls of Mar Mortoun and Glencairn to the Laird of Rankelour ·

53 Eftir our hartlie commendatioune / We haue direct it our writing to the Laird of Lochlevyn / to Reſſaue the caſtell of Sanctandrois fra Dauid Orme As alſua to tak Ordour with him Anent the Reſtis awand to him ſen commandyment gevyn be ws for keping of the ſaid caſtell / And Inlyikmaner that the Laird of Lochlevyn ſall haue ſiclik appoyntment for keping of the ſaid caſtell as the ſaid Dauid had of befoir / heirfoir we pray ȝow to ſpeik with the ſaid Laird / and aduiſe with him how Dauid Orme may be ſatiffeit anent the byganis / as alſua how he ſalbe anſuerit in tyme cuming of ſiclik appointment as Dauid Orme had of befoir on the day This we pray ȝow faill not to do as ȝe will Importe our ſpeciall thankis And ſua hartlie fair ȝe weill / frome Streveling the xv of aprile 1570 ·

ȝour gude freindis ·



To our traiſt freind
the Laird of Rankelour &c· .

The Earl of Morton to the Laird of Lochleven ·

54 Traiſt freind eftir maiſt hartlie commendatioun I undirſtand the Lordis in Edinburgh hes written to a greit nowmer quhome thay think will do for thame to be at thame in Edinburgh the xix of this Inſtant And ſeing thay meane to convene ther forcis it is not meit that thay ſuld be ſleping Thairfoir prayis ȝow to haue all our freindis and weilwillaris abowte ȝow

warnitt to be in Redynes upoun ane houris warnyng to cum to ws quhan We ſend aduertiſment quhilk I howip ſall not be lang to do / The Lordis in Edinburgh ſend the Laird of Trabrowne to the Erle of Suſſex with certane Inſtructionis deſyring him to leif of ony Incurſioun aganis the ſubjectis of this Realme and als deſyring that Maiſter Johne Gordoun the Byſchop of Gallowayis ſone mycht have licence to pas to the Quenis Majeſtie of Ingland with a lettre of thairis / baith deſyris is Refuſit for he is already in Tewedaill and hes not ſtayit the Armie bot hes ſtayit Maiſter Johne Gordoun and all his writingis / quhill he Reſſave anſuer agane from the Courte The Erle of Levenox come to Newcaſtell the xvj of this Inſtant And as I underſtand is now in Berwick / Farder ȝe will knaw be my Lord Lyndeſay / quhan ȝe pleis to confer with him / and ſua committis ȝow to the protectioun of God frome Dalkeith the xix of Aprile 1570 ·

ȝour affurit freind ·

To my traiſt freind *MORTOUN* ·
the Laird of Lochlevin ·

The Earl of Mar to the Laird of Lochleven ·

55 Rycht honorable and traiſt couſing efter my werray hartie commendationes this is till aduertis ȝow I have reſſavit a writing from the Erle of Suſſex with ſum proclamationis laitlie ſett out be the Quenis Majeſtie of Ingland quhairof ȝe ſall reſſave ane / in the quhilk ȝe will perſaif hir Majeſteis gude will and mynd towart this realme I pray ȝow mak my Lord of Buchane and the proveſt of Dundie participant of the ſame / it is a werie gude dytement and proffitable to our actioun The conference at Dalkeith hes takin lytill effect as ȝit the Erle of Athole / the Lord Boid / the priour of Coldinghame and the Comptrollare come thair to ſupper upone Monunday And the maiſt effect of thair ſpeking is to alter the meiting to Muſſilburgh Edmeſtoun Craigmillar or Gilmertoun quhilk of na wayis wilbe grantit Sua I wnderſtand thair menyng is of nane effect · Alwayis as forther actioun ſall cum ȝe ſalbe advertefit / The Kingis

Majeſtie and all freindis heir continewis in gude helth ȝe will mak my hartie commendatiounes to my ſiſter and to ȝour bedfallow · Sua I committ ȝow to the protectioun of the Almychtie Fra Striueling Caſtell the tuentic day off Aprile 1570 ·

ȝour Rycht aſſurit freind
To my powar ·

To the Rycht honorable and my traiſt couſing the Laird of Lochlevin · MAR ·

The Archbiſhop of St. Andrews and Commendator of Arbroath to John Hamilton of Grange ·

56 Treſt Cuſing efter maiſt hartlie commendatioun this preſent is to adverteis ȝow that my L · Duikis grace hes ſend to ws and cauſit us warne all his freindis and forces to cum to him to Edinburgh bayth on fuit and horſe that will do for him / And therfoir My Lord Claud with all the forces of this cuntre and partis beis in Lynlythqw this fryday the xxviij of Aprill efter none / bayth on fuit and horſe Quhairfoir prayis ȝow but faill that ȝe warne all my L · grace tennentis of Kynneill Kerſe Carriddin &c· and all the tennentis that my Lordis grace hes in tha partis / And ſiclyk warne all the gentill men of Lynlythqw ſchyir or therabout to be wyth ther haill forces bayth on fut and horſe wythin Lythqw on fryday or euen to meet my Lord Claud and the reſt of my Lordis freindis and ſervandis wyth viij dayes furneſſing efter thair cumming / and that thai be all weill arrayit with Jak and ſpeir / and this ȝe man do wyth diligence that thai faill nocht as thai luif my Lord gracis weill and honour and thair awin / and ſua committis ȝow to God Of Hamiltoun the xxvj day of Aprill 1570 ·

J · SANCTANDROIS ·
ARBROTHE ·

To Johne Hamiltoun of Grange bailȝe of Kynneill and in his abſence to James his broder or Arthour of the Neſs ·

Annas Keyth widow of the Regent Murray to the Laird of Lochleven ·

57 Brother efter my maiſt hartlie commendatioune I reſſauit ȝour vriting quhairby I hawe perſauit the labouris that ȝe hawe takin tweching that matter of the maiſter off Forbes and as I wrat to ȝow afor I think It be ſume wther thing that he be ſeakand thair nor the bailȝerie I wrat to the ſuperintendent that I mycht hawe had the fyrſt euident and ſeiſing that my Lord gat of that Lard for as I belewe It is befor this bailȝerie of the maiſter of Forbes · The ſuperintendent ſayis to me he hes nocht that infefment and allegis that my Lord commandit hym to gywe It to ȝow as he ſayis he hes done thairfor I pray ȝow brother gar ſe quha hes It quhidder ȝe or he and lat me hawe the tranſſump of It or ellis the dait thairof for I wald fane be quet of the maiſter Forbes ſwit and ſpeciallie gyff I may do It be rycht · And tweching that ȝe will to be kepit in Leyth I agre to the ſame and to that effect hes vritin to my Lord of Mar and the lard of Dwne that they will tak the pane to come thayr to that effect bot ȝe and my Lord of Buquhane man aduertes thame quhat day ȝe think meteſt that thay mak nocht trawell in wayn and as for me I hawe ſend my mynd with the maiſter my brother and Robert Keyth of canterland for the Lard of Petterro was ſick and nocht weill at eis quhilk was the caus that he cummis nocht thair at this tyme I deſyr nathing to be ſtayit in that matter for my abſence for wpone my Lord of Mar aduertiſment I ſall come ower at ony tym · I pray ȝow ſir that gyff thair ſettis ony ſeſſione that thair may be ordour takin with my Lordis executrie and It war weill done that the geir quhilk Is in the Wardrop war vyſeit be ſume tenty hand for ſwirly I belewe the maiſt part of It be ſpylt quhilk will profet my barnis les than gyff I had kepit It as ſum tyme I did and thus leving to trubill ȝow with langar letter quhill forder occaſione committis ȝow maiſt hartlie to the protectioune of God Frome Dunnotter the thrid of Julij be

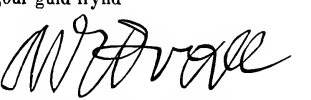
ȝour Sifter at power

To my brother the Lard off Loychlewyne &c · ANNAS KEYTH ·

Archibald fifth Earl of Argyll to the Laird of Lochleven ·

58 Rycht traiſt couſing Eftir hertlie commendationis as this preſent occaſioun ſervis and nochtwithſtanding the wariance amangis us in debett and wnſettin of the commone caus quhilk ſuld nocht be aggreyit amangis freindis in thair awin particularis of the quhilk we deſire to haif experiance be yow and in ſpeciall in thir apperance of trublis that ye will ſtand as ane menteiner of our tennentis and puiranis in the laiche and gif chance cumis that we may do the lyk wnto yow or youris our gud will and deid ſalbe knawin thairin thinkand you maiſt kyndlie be our opinyoune of auld conſawit to do for us in thir behalfis and grettar gif it be requirit And yf ye will ſchaw this benevolence as we doubt nocht bot ye will the tennentis will uſe your counſell in reaſonabill procedingis As for novellis in this contrey few ar belevit with yow that cumis out of this airthe Therfoir I omitt the ſaming bot gif ye pleis to aduertes us of ony the berar will caus tham be convoyit be your command to quhom ȝe pleis gif credit And this committis you to God Of the Carrik the xxij day of July 1570 ·

Ȝour guid frynd



Commend me to my Cwmar your wyf I hoyp to God that ſortly fryndis on this ſyd may recompence ȝow of ony kyndnes ȝe ſawe ·

To our Rycht traiſt couſing the Laird of Lochlevin ·

Warrand to charge George Ruthirfurd of Fernitoun to rander the hous and place of Langnutoun ·

59 James be the grace of God King of Scottis To our louittis

Meſſingeris &c·.

OUR WILL IS and with adviſe and conſent of our deareſt guidſir Mathew erll of Levenax Lord Dernlie our lauchfull tutour and regent to ws our realme and liegis We charge ȝow ſtraitlie and commandis that incontinent thir our lettres ſene ȝe pas and in our name and authoritie command and charge George Ruthirfurde of Fernitoun and all utheris havaris keparis detenaris and withhaldaris of the hous and place of Langnutoun To rander and deliver the ſamyn to ȝow our officiaris executors heirof within ſex houris nixteftir thai be chargit be ȝow thairto under the pane of treſſoun With certificatioun to thame and thai failȝie Thay ſalbe repute haldin eſtemit demanit and perſewit with fyre and ſwerd as tratouris &c· &c· Gevin under our ſignet and Subſcrivit be our ſaid deareſt guidſir and regent At Striueling the xvij day of Auguſt And of our regnne the ferd ȝeir 1570 ·

Warrant to aſſege the place and fortalice of Langnutoun ·

60 James be the grace of God King of Scottis To our lovittis Meſſingeris &c· Forſamekill as We and our deareſt guidſchir Mathow Erll of Levenax Lord Dernlie our lauchfull Tutour and Regent to ws oure realme and liegis underſtanding that albeit George Rutherfurde of Fernitoun hes bene chargit under the pane of treſſoun To rander and deliuer to William Douglas of Lochlevin his place and fortalice of Langnutoun &c· Quhairfoir We haif grantit commiſſion to the ſaid William Douglas of Lochlevin to convocat our liegis and pas and perſew and aſſege the ſaid hous and place of Langnutoun And to that effect gif neid be to raiſe fyre and uſe all kynd of force and weirlyke ingyne that can he had for wynning and recovering thairof &c· &c· OURE WILL IS and with adviſe and con-

ent of our ſaid deareſt guidſchir and regent We charge ȝow ſtraitlie and commandis that incontinent thir our lettres ſene ȝe pas and in our name and authoritie command and charge Ker ȝoungar of Ceſſurde Wardane of the Middill Marches of our realme and our Schireff of To convocat and aſſembill our liegis togidder within thair boundis and pas furthwart with the ſaid William Douglas of Lochlevin &c. &c. Given under our Signet and Subſcryvit be oure ſaid deareſt guidſchir and regent At Striueling the day of Auguſt And of our regnne the ferd ȝeir 1570.

MATHEU REGENT.

Mathew Earl of Lennox Regent to the Laird of Lochleven.

61 Traiſt freind Eftir maiſt hartlie commendationis It is not unknawin to ȝow how thair is ane Taxatioun grantit be the eſtaittis for making of the expenſſis of the honorabill ambaſſat that is to be direct it to the Quenis Majeſtie of England for the weill of the King oure ſoverane Lord his realme and obedient people As ȝe will perſave be the directionis and chargeis ſend for that effect Thairfoir We deſyre and pray ȝow effectuuſlie That ȝe will not faill to uſe all poſſibill diligence ffor ingetting of the ſaid taxatioun ſa far as concernis ȝour part be reſſoun of ȝour office and deliver the ſamyn to the Laird of Drumquhaſſill collectour appointit for the reſſait therof And gif be ȝour gude will and laubouris ȝe may caus the haill or a reſſonabill part be brocht to the collectour afoir the day ȝe ſould do ws maiſt ſpeciall pleſure becaus the ambaſſatouris wilbe louked for / befoir thair furniſſing can be reddy Thus We commit ȝow to the protectioun of God from Edinburgh the xxvj day of October 1570.

ȝoure gude freind

MATHEU REGENT.

To our traiſt freind the
Laird of Lochlevin.

The Earl of Morton to the Laird of Lochleven ·

62 Couſing I Reſſavit ȝour writing / And befor the reſſait of the ſame wes in hand with the Regent for ȝow / he is preſentlie content in ſatiffactioun of ȝour coiſtes and expenſſis ſuſtenit divers wayes to let ȝow have the biſchoprick of Sanctandrois the penſions ſtanding quhilkis ar preſentlie gevin furth of it And will reſſave the Erll of Northumberland of ȝour hand gif ȝe be ſatiffeit with this / Let me be adverteiſit / or utherwayes I wald ȝour ſelf came heir about the 28 day of this moneth that we mycht reſſoun upon all matteris at lenth to ſe gif thingis may be brocht to ȝour ſatiffactioun / unto the quhilk tyme I referre the reſt and ſua efter my hertie commendatioun commitis ȝow to the protectioun of God · From Edinburgh the 19 of December 1570 ·

ȝour aſſureit frende ·

MORTOUN ·

To my Couſing the
Lard of Lochlevin ·

Mathew Earl of Lennox Regent of Scotland to the Laird of Lochleven ·

63 Richt traiſt freind efter hartlie commendationes Having laitlie reſſavit anſuer from my Lord of Dumfarmeling ambaſſadour for the Kingis Majeſtie in England contening materis of grit wecht quhilk concernis the haill eſtate And ſua requires to be deliberatlie conſultit upoun with ſic expeditioun as poſſiblie may be uſit Thairfoir We pray ȝow effectuouſle That ȝe will not faill to be heir in Edinburgh upoun Monunday nixt the xxv day of this inſtant To gif ȝoure avyiſe and Jugement with the remanent to be convenit · · · · · · · the weill of the Kingis Service and the continewance of · · · · · · · · · · that commoun caus quhilk is ſa deir to ws all And ſa [referring all] uther thingis to ȝour cuming

Committis ȝow to the protectioun of Almychtie God At Edinburgh the xxj day of December 1570 ·

ȝour gude freind

MATHEU REGENT ·

To our richt traiſt freind the Lard of Lochlevin ·

The Earl of Mar to the Laird of Lochleven ·

64 Rycht honorable and traiſt couſing eftir my werie hartie commendatioun having the occaſioun be my broderis departing towardis ȝow I wald nocht omitt till mak ȝow aduerteiſment be thir few lynis thatt I am werie deſyrous to ſpeik with ȝow And belevit att my being laſt in Edinburgh to have convenit with ȝow / ȝit my Lord of Mortoun and I wes in purpoſe anent ȝour biſſines as ȝe haif wnderſtand be our letteris direćtit to ȝow Thairfor I will deſyre ȝou to cum our to Edinburgh att this conventioun quhilk is appoyntit the xij of this inſtant thatt we may confer togidder baith for our awin weillis and the commowne caus / I remitt the reſt to my broderis declaratioun quhill our meiting And coummittis ȝow to the protećtioun of the Almychtie Fra Striviling Caſtell the ſevint day of Januar 1570 ·

ȝour Rycht aſſurit gude freind at powar

MAR ·

To my Rycht traiſt couſing
the Laird of Lochlevin ·

The Erll of Mortouns Exemptioun the tyme he wes ambaſſadour in England ·

65 James be the grace of God King of Scottis To our Preſident and Lordis of our Counſale and Seſſioune &c· &c· Forſamekle as We with aviſe of

our derreſt guidſchir and lauchfull tutour Matho erle of Leuenax Lord Dernelie &c Regent to ws our Realme and liegis and of the Lordis of our ſecreit Counſale haif direct it our rycht traiſt couſing and counſalour James erle of Mortoun Lord of Dalkeith &c our Chancellar and greit Admirall of our realme To the partis of Ingland in the commoun ſervice and affairis of our realme and furth bering of our auctoritie He being tutour of law for the tyme to our rycht traiſt couſing Archibald erle of Angus Lord Dowglas and Abernethie &c his bruther ſone And having in his handis the ſaid erle of Angus haill evidentis and writtis quhairby he ſuld defend and perſew his actiouns And now eftir his age of xiiij ȝeiris compleit Our ſaid rycht traiſt couſing and counſalour and certane utheris or ony twa of thame (the ſaid erle of Mortoun being ane therof) ar choſin Curatouris to the ſaid erle of Angus in preſence of the Lordis of our Counſale and Seſſioun THAIRFOIR &c We haif ſuperſedit delayit and reſpect it all and ſindrie actionis and cauſis movit or to be movit aganis our ſaidis traiſt couſingis and counſalouris James erle of Mortoun and Archibald erle of Angus thair kin freindis men tenentis and ſervandis and ſpeciallie thir perſonis underwritten That is to ſay

erle of Buchane &c our couſing William Lord Hay of ȝeſter William Douglas of Lochlevin Archibald Douglas of Kilſpindie Patrik Douglas his ſone James Foreſtar of Corſtorphin knycht Henry Foreſtar his bruther germane Walter Urquhard our Scheriff of Cromartie Finlay Manſoun in Pitcalzeane Alexander Hume of Manderſtoun his brether thair tenentis John Douglas of Halthornden &c &c or ony of thame To ceis and reſt uncallit perſewit or procedit upoun unto the returning of our ſaid traiſt couſing and conſalour James erle of Mortoun furth of the ſaidis partis of Ingland and twentie dayis thaireftir &c · Given under our ſignet and ſubſcrivit be our ſaid derreſt guidſir tutour and regent At Edinburgh the xxvij day of Januar and of our regnne the ferd ȝeir 1570 ·

MATHEU REGENT ·

Two Lists of Perſons of the Surname of Hamilton.

JAMES Duke of Chaſtellarault erle of Arrane, &c.
Dauid Hamiltoun, his ſonis.
Claude Hamiltoun,
Gawin, commendater of Kilwynning.
James Hamiltoun of Sammelſtoun.
Gawin Hamiltoun, his ſone.
James Hamiltoun of Rouchbank.
Johnne Hamiltoun of Auchingemmill.
James Hamiltoun in Garrane.
Robert Hamiltoun in Torrence.
Andro Hamiltoun in Heleis.
Johnne Hamiltoun in Blantyre.
Robert Hamiltoun in Lethame.
Robert Hamiltoun in Garrane.
Arthure Hamiltoun in Mirretoun.
Thomas Hamiltoun.
Andro Hamiltoun.
James Hamiltoun.
Johnne Hamiltoun, ſone to Sir Thomas Hamiltoun.
John Hamiltoun in Bothuile.
Michael Hamiltoun.
Johnne Hamiltoun in Schawtoun.
Robert Hamiltoun in Mylburne.
James Hamiltoun of Kincavill.
James Hamiltoun, his ſone.
James Hamiltoun of Innerwik.
James Hamiltoun of Barefute.
Andro Hamiltoun of Goiſſlingtoun, knycht.
Johnne Hamiltoun, his bruther.
Dauid Hamiltoun of Fingaltoun, knycht.
Maiſter Robert Hamiltoun, his bruther germane. *deid.*
George Hamiltoun, Robert Hamiltoun, Johnne Hamiltoun, ſonis to the Laird of Preſtoun.
Johnne Hamiltoun of Stanehous.
Robert Hamiltoun.
Maiſter Robert Hamiltoun.
Maiſter Archibald Hamiltoun.
Maiſter Thomas Hamiltoun.
Johnne Hamiltoun of Orbeſtoun. *deid.*
Arthure Hamiltoun.
Maiſter Robert Hamiltoun, his bruther.
James Hamiltoun of the Haggis.
Johnne Hamiltoun, his bruther.
James Hamiltoun of Torrence.
Robert Hamiltoun in Over Torrence.
Gawin Hamiltoun, his ſone.
Andro Hamiltoun of Likprevik.
James Hamiltoun, his ſone. *deid.*
Andro Hamiltoun of Redoch. *deid.*
Robert Hamiltoun, ſone to Andro.
James Hamiltoun, his oy.
Williame Hamiltoun, James Hamiltoun, his ſonis. *deid.*
Robert Hamiltoun of Egliſmachane.
Robert Hamiltoun of Newhous.
Maiſter James Hamiltoun of the Peill.
Hew Hamiltoun of Blantyre.
Johnne Hamiltoun of Bromehill.

Andro Hamiltoun of Cochno.
Robert Hamiltoun of Dalſerf.
Robert Hamiltoun,
deid. Maiſter James Hamiltoun,
Patrik Hamiltoun, his ſonis.
Archibald Hamiltoun,
Johnne Hamiltoun,
James Hamiltoun of Wodhill.
Johnne Hamiltoun, his ſone.
Archibald Hamiltoun, Capitane of Arrane.
Gawin Hamiltoun, his ſone.
Johnne Hamiltoun of Pedderſburne.
James Hamiltoun of Boithuelhauch.
John Hamiltoun,
Dauid Hamiltoun, his brether.
Maiſter James Hamiltoun of Neilliſland.
Johnne Hamiltoun in Udſtoun.
Patrick Hamiltoun, his bruther.
Archibald Hamiltoun in Spittelſcheill.
Alexander Hamiltoun in Kittemuir.
Adam Hamiltoun in the Holme.
Thomas Hamiltoun there.
Johnne Hamiltoun in Vicaris.
Johnne Hamiltoun in Langrig.
Thomas Hamiltoun in Udſtoun.
Gawin Hamiltoun in Roploch.
Williame Hamiltoun in Torſchaw.
Hannis Hamiltoun.
Johnne Hamiltoun in Twedieſyde.
Mathew Hamiltoun in Stanehous.
Johnne Hamiltoun, his ſone.
Arthure Hamiltoun in Heleis.
Alexander Hamiltoun,
James Hamiltoun,
Robert Hamiltoun, his brether.
Andro Hamiltoun,
Andro Hamiltoun in Over Heleis.
Alexander Hamiltoun, his ſone.
Thomas Hamiltoun in the toun of Hamiltoun.
Olie Hamiltoun,
Maiſter Robert Hamiltoun, his ſonis.
Quintene Hamiltoune, burges of Hamiltoun.
Robert Hamiltoun at the Croce.
Maiſter Robert Hamiltoun, perſoun of Torrence.
Johnne Hamiltoun elder, his
Johnne Hamiltoun ȝounger, brether.
Robert Hamiltoun of Auchingrymont.
Johnne Hamiltoun in Grenehill.
James Hamiltoun,
Andro Hamiltoun, his brether.
Robert Hamiltoun,
Quintene Hamiltoun at Crocefurde.
Andro Hamiltoun,
Johnne Hamiltoun, his ſonis.
Richard Hamiltoun in Auchinglen.
Blais Hamiltoun,
Williame Hamiltoun, his brether.
Johnne Hamiltoun,
Alexander Hamiltoun in Preſtoun.
George Hamiltoun,
Niniane Hamiltoun, his ſonis.
Johnne Hamiltoun,
Johnne Hamiltoun in Pannis.
Alexander Hamiltoun, burges of Lanark.

Gawin Hamiltoun in Newlandis.
William Hamiltoun in Hill.
Alexander Hamiltoun,
James Hamiltoun,
Robert Hamiltoun, his ſonis.
Rowy Hamiltoun,
Thomas Hamiltoun in Schawtoun.
Johnne Hamiltoun, his bruther.
Thomas Hamiltoun in Overtoun.
Johnne Hamiltoun,
James Hamiltoun, his brether.
Andro Hamiltoun,
Arthure Hamiltoun in the Neſs.
James Hamiltoun there.
George Hamiltoun, browſtar.
Richerd Hamiltoun,
Johnne Hamiltoun, his brether.
Johnne Hamiltoun in Grange.

Gawin Hamiltoun in Errane.
James Hamiltoun in Letter.
Johnne Hamiltoun in Kirk.
George Hamiltoun in Glencoſie.
James Hamiltoun in Straquheling.
James Hamiltoun in Knokandquhillie.
Williame Hamiltoun in Sunnok.
James Hamiltoun in Burnebray.
James Hamiltoun in Mirretoun.
Johnne Hamiltoun in Burneltoun.
Thomas Hamiltoun,
Johnne Hamiltoun, officiaris.
Thomas Hamiltoun in Boithuile.
Johnne Hamiltoun of Brouncaſtell.
Johnne Hamiltoun of Towitcoit.
Archibald Hamiltoun of Rybrayis.
Robert Hamiltoun of Mordoch.
Alexander Hamiltoun of Bathcat. *deid.*

Jhonne ſumtyme Biſchope of Sanctandrois.
Claude Hamiltoun ſumtyme Den of Dunbar.
Johnne Hamiltoun ſumtyme of Stenhouſe.
Andro Hamiltoun of Goiſlingtoun, knycht.
Andro Hamiltoun of Lekprevik.
Dauid Hamiltoun, bruther to James Hamiltoun of Boithvilehauche.
Andro Hamiltoun of Cochno.

Johnne Hamiltoun, his ſone.
Robert Hamiltoun, Chalmerlane of Kilwinning.
James Hamiltoun of Sprouſtoun.
Maiſter James Hamiltoun of Neliſland.
Alexander Hamiltoun of Netherfeild.
Robert Hamiltoun of the Grange.
James Hamiltoun of Rochbank, callit Goudy lokis.
Jhonne Hamiltoun of Corbitcock, maſer.
James Hamiltoun of Wodhall.

James Hamiltoun of Boithuilhauche.
James Muirheid of Lawchope.
Arthur Hamiltoun of Muirtown.
Jhonne Hamiltoun of Tweydyſyde.
James Hamiltoun of the Peill of Lewingſtoun.
Mungow Hamiltoun of Perduven.
Alexander Hamiltoun of Innerwik.
mortuus. James Hamiltoun of Garrane.

foirfaltit beſoir the Justice, &c.

Jhonne ſumtyme Commendator of Aberbrothok.
Jhonne Hamiltoun, Proveſt of Boithvile.

declarit barratouris.

Robert Hamiltoun of Inchemauchan.
James Hamiltoun of the Haggis.
Robert Hamiltoun of Garrane.
Robert Hamiltoun of Milburne.
James Hamiltoun callit of the Toungis.
Gawin Hamiltoun of the Hill.
Jhonne Crawfurde, baillie of Monkland.
Jhonne Crawfurde ȝounger of Ferne.
Clelland of that Ilk.
Cuthbert Hamiltoun of Cauder.
Jhonne Quhytfurde of Miltoun.

Jhonne Hamiltoun of Dalry,
William Hamiltoun, his bruther,

ſones to the Biſchope.

All the brether of the Helyis.
Hamiltoun of Orbeiſtoun.
Hamiltoun of Fairholm.
Hew Hamiltoun of Blantyre.
James Hamiltoun, his ſone.
Jhonne Hamiltoun of Schawtoun and his twa ſonis.
Jhonne Hamiltoun of Kilbowy.
Dauid Forſyth of the Dykis.
The thre breider of Dalferff.
The Hamiltounis of Dalbene.
Robert Hamiltoun of Torrence, and the reſt of that gange.
Arthour Hamiltoun of Orbeiſtoun.
Jhonne Hamiltoun,
Mr Robert Hamiltoun,

ſonis to the Proveſt of Hamiltoun.

Thomas Hamiltoun of the Toun.
Jhonne Hamiltoun of Boithvile.
Thomas Hamiltoun of Boithvile.
Gawin Baxter thair.
Gawin Hamiltoun, ſone to the Abbot of Kilwinning.
Mathow Hamiltoun of Philpſtoun.
Patrik Crummy of Carriddin.
James Muir, burges of Lynlythqw.
Jhonne Hamiltoun in Turnlaw.
Archibald Hamiltoun, his bruther.
James Hamiltoun in Kirkhill.
Arthour Hamiltoun, bruther to James Hamiltoun of Boithuelhauch.

A Commiſſioun to compeir before quhatſumevir Juge to perſew and defend in all my Lord Chancellaris actiounes ·

67 BE IT KEND till all men be thir preſent lettres Ws James erle of Mortoun Lord of Dalkeith &c^ Chancellar and grete Admarall of Scotland That forſamekle as we ar preſentlie directit be our ſoverane Lord with aviſe of my Lord Regentis grace and of the Lordis of Secreit Counſale to the partis of Ingland in the commoun ſervice of this realme and furthbering of his Majeſties auctorite ſwa that we may nocht be our ſelf await upoun our awne effaris and beſynes within this realme Thairfoir to have maid conſtitute and ordanit &c^ honorable men and our weilbelovits our procuratouris &c^ Gevand grantand and committand to thame conjunctlie and ſeverallie our verie full free and plane power ſpeciall commandment expres bidding and charge for us and in our name To compeir befor the Lordis of our Soverane Lordis Counſale and Seſſioun &c^ To do perſew follow or defend As occaſioun ſall ſerve Oure richtis and reſſonis to ſchaw our abſence To excuis ws to defend Litis conteſtatioun to mak The aith of ſuithfaſtnes and utheris aithis neidfull in our ſaule to ſweir Our parties adverſar to heir be ſworne &c^ In witnes of the quhilk thing to thir preſent lettres of Procuratorie ſubſcriuit with our hand our ſignet is affixt At Thomptalloun the ferd day of Februar the ȝeir of God I^m V^c and ſevinty ȝeiris ·

MORTOUN ·

Warrand to charge the Surnames of Burnfeild and Haitlie ·

68 JAMES be the grace of God King of Scottis To our lovittis George ȝoung Meſſingeris our ſchereffis in that part conjunctlie and ſeuerallie ſpecialie conſtitute greting Forſamekill as We our deareſt guidſchir Mathow erll of Levenax Lord Dernlie our lauchfull tutour and regent

to ws our realme and liegis and Lordis of our ſecreit counſale Conſidering the lang variance and diſcord that hes continewit betuix the ſurenames of Burnfeildis and the ſurenames of Haitleis this tyme paſt And that gif the ſamyn be ſufferit langar to remane greittar inconvenient may follow And thairfoir willing to tak ſum ſpedy ordour thairin to the ſatiffactioun of bayth the partiis for the quietnes of the cuntre And that aggreement being maid thai may be the mair abill to joyne and affiſt togidder as our trew liegis in furthſetting of our authoritie and ſervice OURE WILL IS HEIRFOIR and We charge ȝow ſtraitlie and commandis that incontinent thir our lettres ſene ȝe pas and in our name and authoritie command and charge Williame Burnfeild in Grenelawdene &c and ſic utheris thair kin and freindis as ſalbe gevin to ȝow in bill And als Alexander Haitlie of Lambden George Haitlie in Hoodlaw &c and ſic utheris thair kin and freindis as ſalbe ſiclyke gevin to ȝow in bill To compeir perſonallie befoir our ſaid deareſt guidſchir and regent and lordis of our ſecreit counſale At Leyth or quhair it ſalhappin thame to be for the tyme the xvj day of Auguſt inſtant To the effect that ordour may be tane alfweill towart the ſaid variance and contraverſy as towart the aſſurance allegeit brokin be athir of the partiis to utheris Swa that the cuntre may leif in the bettir quietnes in tymes cuming &c &c Gevin under our ſignet and ſubſcrivit be our ſaid deareſt guidſchir and regent At Leith the fyft day of Auguſt And of oure regnne the fift ȝeir 1571 ·

MATHEU REGENT ·

Licence to George Uſufructuar of Dunfermling to remane in ward within the place of Dury and ſex myles about the ſame ·

REX ·

69 We and our deareſt guidſchir Mathew erll of Levenax Lord Dernlie our lauchfull tutour and regent to ws our realme and lieges underſtanding George Uſufructuar of Dunfermling wes chargeit be vertew of oure utheris lettres to remane in ward within the place of Dury and ane myle

thairabout and on na wayis to tranſcend the boundis thairof &c. Nocht-withſtanding for certane reſſonabill cauſis and conſiderationis moving ws and our ſaid deareſt guidſchir and regent be the tennour heirof gevis him licence and libertie to remane in the ſaid place of Dury and ſex mylis about the ſame for paſſing his tyme at his pleſure &c. Gevin under oure ſignet and ſubſcrivit be our ſaid deareſt guidſchir and regent At Leyth the xj day of Auguſt and of oure Regnne the fyft ȝeir 1571 ·

MATHEU REGENT ·

Precept by John Earl of Mar Regent to Alexander Douglas ·

REX ·

70 Fewar of Colbrandiſpeth and ȝour Chalmerlanis quhatſumevir / Forſamekle as the males and fermis of the landis of Colbrandiſpeth of the crop and ȝeir of God I^{m} V^{c} threſcoir ten ȝeris laſt bipaſt wes affignit to the ſuſtentatioun of the hous of umquhile our deareſt guidſchir Mathew erll of Levinax Lord Dernlie our lauchfull tutour and Regent to ws our realme and liegis / And underſtanding that thair is awand to Maiſter Alexander Douglas ſtewart of the ſaid hous the ſoume of four ſcoir twa pundis xj s̃ · money of this realme for expenſis maid be him As his tickett of compt beiris Thairfore it is our will and with aviſe of our richt traiſt couſing Johne Erle of Mar lord Erſkin Regent to ws our realme and liegis We charge ȝow that incontinent this precept ſene ȝe content pay and deliver to the ſaid Maiſter Alexander Douglas the ſaid ſoume of four ſcoir twa pundis xj s̃ · money forſaid Off the firſt and reddieſt males and prices of fermis of the ſaid crop and ȝeir of God I^{m} V^{c} threſcoir ten ȝeiris And the ſame ſalbe thankfullie allowit to ȝow kepand this our precept with the ſaid Maiſter Alexanderis acquittance for ȝour warrand Subſcrivit be our ſaid couſing and Regent At Striveling the xvij day of September the ȝeir of God I^{m} V^{c} threſcoir ellevin ȝeris ·

Charge to George Rutherforde of Farnytoun to appear before the Privy Council &c.

71 JAMES be the grace of God King of Scottis To our louittis Stewin Riddall Meſſingeris &c. OUR WILL IS and with aviſe of our richt traiſt couſing Johnne erle of Mar Lord Erſkin Regent to ws our realme and liegis We charge 3ow ſtraitlie and commandis That incontinent thir our lettres ſene 3e pas And in our name and auctoritie Command and charge George Rutherfurde of Farnytoun To compeir perſonalie befoir our ſaid Couſing and Regent and Lordis of our Secreit Counſell At Leith &c. upon the ſext day nixt efter he be chargit be 3ow thairto &c. Gevin under our Signet and ſubſcrivit be our ſaid Couſing and Regent At Leyth the penult day of October and of our Reigne the fift 3eir 1571.

JHON REGENT.

Apud Leyth xxviij Novembris Anno &c. lxxj.

The quhilk day George Rutherfurde of Farnytoun being oftymes callit Compeirit not Quhairfoir My Lord Regentis grace with aviſe of the Lordis of Secreit Counſale Ordanis ane officiar of Armes To pas and put thir lettres to dew executioun Be denuncing of the ſaid George our Soverane Lordis rebell and putting of him to the horne And to eſcheit and inbring all his movabill gudis to his Majeſties uſe for his contemption Efter the forme and tennour of thir lettres.

JHON REGENT.

The Earl of Mar Regent to the Laird of Lochleven.

72 Richt traiſt couſing efter maiſt hertlie Commendationes / 3iſtrene the Mariſhall of Berwick and Maiſter Randolphe come heir fra Sanct Johnneſtoun and hes maid ws privie to ane aduertiſment quhilk thay haue

reſſauit laitlie with diligence furth of England how thair is a practize in heid and intendit to be execute about the end of this moneth or begynning of the nixt / for convoying away of the Erll of Northumberland out of Lochlevin / ethir to the Caſtell of Edinburgh or then to Abirdene / That thair ſuld be ſum thing alſua attemptit aganis the King / howſoeuir It be the aduertizment is not to be contempnit / for it is thocht the Lord Seytonis ſpeciall meſſaige from Duke Dalua tendis to this end / Keip this to ȝour ſelf / and prouide for the werſt quhill ȝe ſee to quhat liklyheid thingis drawis / Heirof I thocht gude to aduertize ȝow / And ſua leving for the preſent to mak langar letter Committis ȝow in the protectioun of Almichtie God At Striueling the xvj of marche 1571.

ȝour aſſurit freind

To our richt traiſt Couſing the
Lard of Lochlevin.

Licence to George Leirmonth of Balcomy to abyde at hame fra all oiſtis wappinſchawingis &c.

REX.

73 We be the tennour heirof with aviſe and conſent of our richt traiſt couſing Johne Erle of Mar Lord Erſkin Regent to ws oure Realme and liegis Underſtanding that Griſſell Meldrum mother to our lovit George Leirmonth of Balcomy hes the twa part of his leving and heritage pertening to hir be reſſoun of conjunctfee lyfrent terce or utherwiſe Swa that the ſaid George hes bot ane ſmall part thairof to ſuſtene himſelf his wiff bairnis and famelie Thairfoir and for divers utheris reſſonable cauſſis and conſiderationis moving ws gevis and grantis licence to him To remane

and abyde at hame fra all and ſindrie our oiſtis armeis raidis weris wappinſchawingis and aſſembleis quhatſumevir to be maid be ws &c be ſey or land &c &c Gevin under our Signet and ſubſcrivit be our ſaid Couſing and Regent At Striveling the xxiij day of Marche and of our Reigne the fift ȝeir 1571 ·

JHON REGENT ·

The Earl of Mar Regent to the Laird of Lochleven ·

74 Rycht traiſt freind efter maiſt hertlie Commendatioune · We haue ſpokin with the Marſheall and Maiſter Randolphe / quha lettis ws to vnderſtand / that thay haif inſtructioun to ſatiffie ȝow touard my Lord of Northumberland / and for that purpos hes deſirit ws to write for ȝow to be heir with diligence quhilk we think beſt ȝe do / for apperandlie ȝour Jorney ſall not be without frute / We pray ȝow thairfoir expeid ȝou / And ſa remitting all other thing to meting committis ȝou in the protectioun of Almichtie God At Leyth the xxvij of marche 1572 ·

ȝour rycht affurit freind

JHON REGENT ·

To our rycht traiſt Couſing the
Lard of Lochlevin ·

My Lord of Mortonis Commiſſioun of Levetenentre to ryde upoun Clydiſdaill ·

Apud Leith xx° die menſis Junij Anno Domini I^m V^c *lxxij°* ·

75 Forſamekle as the declairit traitouris rebellis and conſpiratouris aganis our ſoverane Lord and his auctoritie continewand in thair treſſonable attemptatis and wickit deidis Tending to the overthraw and diſtructioun of the commoun weill hes of late maid convocatioun of his hienes liegis

and forrayit certane landis within the Levinax and about the citie of Glaſgow / as alſua within Strivilingſhire and utheris partes of the realme obedient to his hienes auctoritie / and hes herreit the peciable and gude ſubjectis of thair guides mynding be ſic tyrannie to mantene and continew thair reif of uther menis guides to the greit hurt and prejudice of the Kingis obedience and ſubverſioun of the ſtate of the commoun weill gif the ſame be not ſpedalie reſiſtit For remeid quhairof My Lord Regentis grace with aviſe of the Lordes of Secrete Counſale hes thocht meit deliberat and concludit that the cuntrie of Cliddiſdale and utheris boundes adjacent ſamekle thairof as is inhabite be the traitouris &c. &c. ſalbe perſewit with fire and ſword quhill they be exterminat or ellis reducit to our Soverane Lordes obedience And for executioun of the ſame gevis and grantis full power and commiſſioun &c. to James erll of Mortoun lord of Dalkeith Chancellar &c. To convocat our ſoverane Lordes lieges in weirlikmaner and to pas furthward invaid and perſew the ſaidis declairit traitouris rebellis and conſpiratouris &c. with fire and ſword thair houſes and dwelling places to caſt doun and dimoliſche thair perſonis to execute and demane to the death thair guides and cattell to forray intromit with and expone in pray with all uther kynd of puniſment and hoſtilite / all houſſis and ſtrenthes kepit be thame aganis our ſoverane Lord and his auctoritie to aſſeige and be force recover &c. &c. &c.

JHON REGENT.

The Counteſs of Northumberland to the Earl her huſband.

76 The rumors and brutis here geven furthe of your Lordſhipis deliuery into Englande hathe trobled many but for my ſelf and for them that be of the wiſer ſorte and of more iudgement it could neuer ſinke into our myndes that euer ony of honour or credite wold agree to ſuch a condicioun eſpeciallie in that nation that haue ſo often taſted of the love of their neighbours in caſes like to yours / and that hathe ſo often neded

therunto · Or that the Larde (who is of that honour and wiſdome / as he is taken to be / and hitherto hath ſhewed him ſelf) wold lay vpon his howſe or honor ſuch a burden as in ſheweing the preſident by you that never hathe bene before ſhewed by ony of his nation in any other / or that by him the miſhappe might fall to you / which all we by helpe and ſuccurre of other of the Nobilitie of the ſame haue eſchewed and avoyded · This (I ſay) could never ſeame lykely vnto vs / and therfor did we leſſe accompte of ſuche ſayeingis / as thoſe that haue more grounded opinion of the Lardis dexteritie and honorable dealing / and do hoape more in him for the perfecting and accompliſhing of our longe deſired ſewte for your enlargement / then that we can conceave or diſtruſt ony finiſter meenyng or vndew deviſe at his handis tending to your vndoeing or ouerthrow · Althoughe we are not of that mynde but that your ennemyes do and will by all the meanes they can worke by worde / promiſe / and fayre gloſes practiſe what they may to draw the Larde to agree vnto them · yet we ſtande in no dowbte of him but that he hathe that conſideracioun over his owne honour / and is of that wiſdome that he will paſſe ouer their requeſtis in wiſe order / and yet ſtande as ſhalbe moſt agreable to his calling / ſeing it reſtithe in his only power and will / without their impeachement or others comptrollement / to do for you in this caſe as to him ſelf ſhall ſeame beſt / he ſoly having the order and poſſeſſion of you without bonde or charge to ſtay him from doeing for you as he ſhall thinke good / of whom alone you are to ſeke your releaſe / and that way to follow it that it may be graunted with expedition / ſeing we be prepared and readie to ſatiſfie him vpon the vnderſtanding of ony ſufficient aſſurance wherby we may vpon the payment of the money be ſewre to haue the poſſeſſion of your body / and that by long delay and protracte of tyme / many inconveniencis may chance / muche hindrance cumme alſweill by the hazarde and perill of your ſeruantis in paſſing to and fro / intercepting or miſcariage of letters and other miſhappes / as by the great chargis whiche I am at in the often ſending and in the expence of tyme which conſumithe muche of the litle that I haue wherby myne habilitie

will grow to be leſſe / and your frendis wax weary / you ſhall not be hable to yeld ſo muche benefite to the Larde as now you may do / nor he can take the commoditie whiche now he may haue / which as it liethe you vpon to forſee and to purſew to a concluſion that may take a ſpedie effecte / ſo we hoape that the wiſdome of the Larde will not let paſſe this beſt and offered oportunite / whiche ſtandithe moſt with his honour and commoditie to take holde vpon / but will reſolue with yow in ſuche reaſonable order as we may with expedition receaue the fine of your agreement / and he may haue from vs his benefite with all benevolence favour and commendacioun · Thus beſiching our Lord to ſende you a good and ſpedie ende of your lang and paynfull trobles as may be moſt for the eaſe of your harte and to your greateſt conforte / with humble remembrance of my dew I ende this xxjth of Marche 1572 ·

Your Lordſhipis moſt humble wif

A. NORTHUMBERLAND ·

To the right honorable and good L · and
huſbande Northumberland ·

John Earl of Mar Regent in favor of James Commendator of Melros ·

REX ·

77 We be the tennour heirof with auiſe and conſent of our richt traiſt Couſing John erll of Mar lord Erſkin Regent to ws our realme and liegis promittis that howſone the penſioun furth of the abbay of Melros pertening to George Lord Seytoun or his ſone ſall fall be law and be our diſpoſitioun We ſall mak richt and ſecurite of the ſame to James now Commendatar of Melros And mak title and intereſſe to na other perſoun of the ſame Gevin under our ſignet and ſubſcrivit be our ſaid Couſing and Regent At Leyth the xxvij day of Aprile and of our Reigne the fyft yeir 1573 ·

JHON REGENT ·

John Earl of Mar Regent to the Laird of Lochleven ·

78 Traiſt couſing eftir our hartie commendatioun / this berar ȝour ſerwand James Dryſdell hes at our command delyverit to our ſerviture Robert Porterfeild the ſowme of ane thowſand markis in Ryellis And be this our tikatt We mak it knawin wnto ȝow that the ſaid James hes thankfullie delyverit the ſaid ſowme Subſcrivit with our hand At Leith the tuentie ane day of Junij 1573 ·

JHON REGENT ·

The Archbiſhop of St. Andrews to William Douglas of Lochleven ·

79 Rycht honorable Sir Eftir maiſt hartlie commendatione pleaſe wit I writt to ȝow befor deſyring ȝow to haif ſend to me the few mailes of the landis of Biſchopſchyre and alſo ſo many barrellis of eilis as ȝe had wont to pay to my predeceſſouris and becaus of ȝour abſence at that tyme of Lochlevin as I underſtuid be the berair of my lettres he delyverit the ſaid writting to the Lady ȝour ſpouſe the quhilk (as I beleif) ȝe haif ſein becaus I haif gottin na anſuer thairof I tuik occaſione to wrytt again to ȝow for the ſam effect deſyring ȝour anſuer with this berair John Steuinſoun my ſervant quhat ȝe will do in thir premiſſes And gif ȝe dowtt the perſuitt of utheris for the ſaid few mailes I will warrand ȝow at all uther handis · Commend me hartlie to the Lady your ſpouſe quhom with ȝow I committ to the protectione of the Eternall Off Sanctandros the xviiij of februar 1573 ·

ȝouris at pouer

J · SANCTANDROIS ·

To the rycht honorable William Dowglas off Lochlevin ·

Annabella Counteſs of Mar to the Laird of Lochleven ·

80 Rycht honorabill Sir eftir my veray hartlie commendatioun · Having reſſavit ȝour writting concerning ȝour ſylver Off to my honour I declairit the trewth to ȝour ſeruand James Dryiſdaill I am veray ſorie ȝe ſuld conceave ſic ane opinioun of me that ȝe knaw I may borrow that ſoume and mair · for gif that war I think ȝe mycht juſtlie ſay · I wer in the wrange gif I mycht do that / and leit ȝow be in ſic pane as ȝe ar in · ffor I will aſſuir ȝow on my honour houbeit my Lord my huſband haid nocht bene debtfull to ȝow gif it had bene in my poſſibilitie · ȝe ſuld haue haid it with als gud hairt as ȝe wald haue ſuittit the ſame · I am aſſurit ȝour wiſdome conſidderis quhat occaſioun I haue gottin ſen my huſbandis departing to ſay my credeit Ȝit nochtwithſtanding to caus ȝow knaw my part / mak ȝe the moyen to prouyid that ſoume upoun land and ſall bind my ſelff in the maiſt ſuirreſt forme that ȝe can deuyſe to releiff the ſame ay and quhill the thouſandis merkis ſalbe payit The quhilk I wald nocht do to na vthir in Scotland bot to ȝow And think nocht that I mene any defraude or excuiſe but to fatiffie ȝow gif I mycht ony way to ȝour contentment As knawis God Quha mot haue ȝow in his keping At Striviling Caſtell the xvj day of Maij 1574 ·

Ȝour aſſurit gude freind at pouer

ANNABELL COUNTESS OF MAR ·

To the richt honorabill and my veray
gude freind the Laird of Lochlevin ·

Leonard of Cuper to the Lady Lochleven ·

81 Mademe efter my maiſt hartle commendatione I reſauit ane wreting fra ȝow ane monethe ſyin ſchawin me that ȝour eldeſt dochter was to be mareit on ſondaye next on the ȝong lard of Wemes of the quhilk I am

werraye gleid and deſyrit me to prouyd for all the weild meit and wene-ſone I mycht gwidlie get / war nocht the ewell wedder that hes bein this oulk ȝe hed bein better ſtokit prayand ȝow therfor to aperdone me at this tyme and reſaue fra this berer ane hyind and xxij mowir fowlis with onne wder ſteid or pleſur that lyis in my powar ſalbe rede at all tymes quhan ȝour La / pleiſis chargis as knawis God quhae mat haf ȝour La in protectioune Frome Cuper the xj day of Junij 1574 be ȝour La /

Aſſurit kenniſman

LEONARDE of Cuper ·

To my Lade
Lade of Loichlewin ·

Commiſſion to William Douglas of Lochleven to mak convocation of the liegis &c ·

REX ·

82 We be the tennour heirof with aviſe and conſent of our richt traiſt couſing James erll of Mortoun Lord of Dalkeith Regent to ws oure realme and liegis for certane cauſis and conſiderationis moving ws haue gevin and grantit and be thir our lettres gevis and grantes full power commiſſioun and auctoritie to our weilbelovit Williame Douglas of Loch-levin To mak convocatioun of oure liegis in weirlik maner And to ſearche ſeik tak and apprehend George Ruderfurde oure rebell &c &c Gevin under oure ſignet and ſubſcrivit be oure ſaid Couſing and Regent AT Dalkeith the xxiiij day of October And of oure Reigne the aucht ȝeir 1574 ·

John Carmichael younger of that Ilk to the Chamberlain of Melros ·

83 Traiſt freind efter hartlie commendationis this is to adverteis ȝow that I am to keip day of Marche on Thuriſday at the Reidſwyir be nyne houris therfoir I mon requeiſt ȝou to accompanie ws hither with ȝour haill ſervandis / As ȝe will do me L · Regent and my L · of Angus pleſure Swa leving to trubill ȝou quhill meting I commit ȝou to God At Jedburgh the 2 day of Julij 1575 ·

Be ȝouris affurit freind

JOHNE CARMYCHALL
ȝoungar of that Ilk ·

I pray ȝow faill nocht to caus all the Lairdis ſervandis of Langnewtoun cwm with ȝow ·

To my traiſt freind Mr William Henderſon chalmerlane of Melros ·

The Lord Ruthven to the Laird of Lochleven ·

84 Rycht honorable Sir and weilbeluffit Eyme eftir my hertlie commendatiounes I receaved your writting fra ane boy of ȝouris this efter none And hes ſpokin this morning my couſing Patrik Murray of Tibbermure to quhome I haue declarit my mynd to be ſchawin to ȝow at lenth And ſalbe reddie at all tymes to ȝour honorable cauſis quhene ȝe ſalhappin to haue ado I being deulie foirſeyne and aduerteiſt heirof Remitting to the forder declaratioun of my ſaid couſing Committis ȝow to the protectioun of allmychtie God frome Ruthven the viij day of Auguſt 1575 ·

Youris affurit att power

RUTHVEN ·

To the Rycht honorable and his weilbeluffit Eyme the Laird of Lochlevin &c ·

Andrew Rutherfurd of Hundolee and others to the Laird of Lochleven ·

85 Richt honorable Schir Efter oure hartlie commendationis Pleis 3our M/ to be rememberit of the wrytting quhilk we ſent to 3ow for the ſchuitting of the tryiſt quhilk we deſyrit 3our M/ to appoynt concernyng the actionis betwixt 3our M/ and George Rutherfurd in Pharyngtoun The caus of the ſchuitting of the ſaid tryiſt was / becaus of my Lord Regentes grace cuming in the cuntrie And in our wrytting we deſyrit 3our M/ to appoynt ane new tryiſt quhair and quhat tyme we ſould meitt withe 3our M/ And becaus as 3it we have hard of no new appoyntment maid be 3our M/ We deſyre 3ow / gif 3our M/ thinkis guid to meitt in Edinburgh upone the elevint twelt threttine or fourtene dayis of Februar nixtocum or ony uther quhatſumever day or places 3our M/ will appoynt Deſyrand 3ow to be ſa guid that all executionis of law at 3our M/ inſtance aganis the ſaid George may ceiſe to our meitting as 3our M/ appoynttis quhilk we ſall nocht faill to keep God willing And this we pray 3our M/ to do for this our requeiſt · Luiking for 3our M/ anſuer quhat we ſall lowk for committis 3our M/ to the protectioun of God From Jedburgh the xix day of December 1576 ·

Be 3our affurit freindis

ANDRO RUTHERFURD of Hundolle ·
JOHNNE RUTHERFURD of Hunthill ·
RICHART RUTHERFURD of Edzerſton ·

To the Richt honorabill and oure affurit
freind the Laird of Lochelevin ·

William Stewart to the Laird of Lochleven ·

86 Richt honourable Sir efter my humble commendatioun of ſeruice calling to rememberance my dewtie I cuid do na les than to mak 3our M/

aduertefit how that the tua tratoris of boduelhauch hes bene thir foure monethis paſt heir in preſoun quhar the ane doith ȝit remane in ſure kepeing / and the vther (the eldeſt I meane) eſcapit within thir tua nichtis be the moyane of ane voman that had credit of the kepeing of him / To my grit greiff and hawie diſpleſour · ffor Capitane Traill and I had determinat to haiff beſtowit viij ^{cr} guldingis for thair chargis as we had conducit with your keparis / And to haiff tranſportit thame to Zeland / thair to haiff remanit in ſure cuſtodie till ȝour M / and vtheris my Lord regentis g / freindis (quha reſtis with God) had bene aduertefit The Ranſoun that vas demandit for thame baith vas vj^{m} crownis bot [our] vtter determinat anſwer was iii^{m} crownis Marie now in reſpect of the abſence of the principale tratour quhat ſalbe done with the vthair I am nocht certane till It ſall pleis ȝour M / to mak me aduertefit / with the quhilk ȝour aduerteiſment / It war requeſit alſo (ſaiffand ȝour M / wiſdome) That fauorable lettres var direct frome the regentis grace and nobilitie to the gouernour of this toun Randering him thankis for the gritt honour he hes done to our Kingis maieſtie and auctoritie in detening thai tratoris ſua lang conſidering the grit requeiſtis and manaffingis that hes bene vſit to him be the haile nobilitie and principale papiſtis of this countrey in the fauouris of thai tua tratouris / In the meane tyme I am conſtranit to enter my ſelff in band to him that vas the firſt occaſioun of thair apprehenſioun / vthairuayis I culd nocht be affurit of his ſure kepeing that ȝit remanis · Thairfoir It vill pleis ȝour M / Togidder with the reſt of ȝour wyſe freindis to deliberat and avys quhat is beſt to be done in the premiſſes Quhairin my gude will / piſſance / and creditt / ſalbe employit vpone ȝour M / aduerteiſment as in all thingis ellis quhairin / I may be able to do ȝour M / honour and ſeruice · Taking to vitnes the eternale God quha mot haiff ȝour M / in his protectioune Frome Briſſellis the xxij day of December 1576 ·

ȝour M / at his power to command with ſeruice

WILLIAM STEWART ·

James Earl of Morton Regent to warne and poind Thomas Brown ·

87 Eftir our hartlie commendatioun ȝe ſall reſſave thir twa preceptis the ane to warne Thomas Brown to Remove fra our twa pairt of the toun and lands of Stevinſtoun and Howburn occupiit be him / and the uther to poind his reddieſt cornes cattell guidis and geir for the mailles and deweteis therof of the ȝeris bigane ſen the deceis of umquhile Williame Ker of the ȝair thair is rowme left in the precept of poinding for the tyme of the ſaid umquhill Williame deceis / for the ſpace of the ȝeris ſenſyne / and for the quantitie of the ȝeirlie deweties as ȝe may perſave / quharintill ȝe ſall ſpeik the ſaid Thomas and according to his declaratioun or as ȝe may have ferder tryall thair fill up the ſaidis blankis of the precept and caus John Giffert execute baith the preceptis of wairning and poinding / and lat the guiddis and cornes be prayſit / and deliver thame agane to the ſaid Thomas upoun his promeis of payment of the ſaidis deweteis betuix this and the feiſt of Witſonday nixtocum And ſend the preceptis with a tikket of the executiones therof to ws with diligence And ſwa we bid ȝow fair weill ffrom Halierudhous this xviij of Marche 1576 ·

To our traiſt freind George Douglas ſone to Hector Douglas in Spittlehawch and in his abſence to the ſaid Hector his fader ·

James Earl of Morton Regent to the Laird of Lochleven ·

88 Rycht traiſt couſing eftir our hartlie commendatioun vpoun complaint maid of the lait diſpleaſour offerit be ȝow to my lord of Abirbrothok as he raid throw Fyff IT is thocht convenient be the counſall that the mater tending to the troubill and brek of the cuntre ſalbe tryit and ordourit be the nobilitie and counſale And that ȝe and the lord Abirbrothok ſall bayth ſend ȝour commiſſionaris heir agane the xx day of Maij nixtocum inſtructit to informe ws and the counſall particularlie of ȝour greiffis qwerrellis and cauſſis of complaint That the occaſionis being conſiderit of afoir hand We may the mair eaſelie reſolue on that quhilk is to be done for the weill and quietnes of the cuntre And to the effect that this intendit ordour ſall not be impedit with ony further troubill We haue ſend ane aſſurance to ȝow to be ſubſcriuit quhilk we deſire ȝow effectuuſlie to do and returne it with this berare As ȝe will declair ȝour obedient gude will to the obſeruatioun of quietnes and do ws acceptabill pleaſour Sa we commit ȝow in the protectioun of God At Halyruidhous the xxix day of Marche 1577 ·

ȝour affurit freind

To our rycht traiſt couſing the Laird of Lochlevin · JAMES REGENT ·

James Earl of Morton Regent to the Laird of Lochleven ·

89 Couſing Lochlevin · We reſſauit ȝour lettre declaring that the erll of Buchan had ſchewin ȝow / that thair wes chargeis direct from ws and the Counſale / to charge ȝow to ſubſcriue ane aſſurance to the abbat of Arbroith quhairof ȝe marvellit · It is trew / thair is a charge direct vnto ȝow / in the kingis name and counſale / that aſſurance ſalbe gevin and takin on baith ſydes / And that for gude order and rule to be kepit in

the cuntrie / quhilk during the tyme of oure office and charge we ar bound of dewty to ſee the ſame obſervit and kepit And truſtis that all oure freindis will reſpect the ſame and not gif occaſioun to the contrary / gif maters fall out vtherwyſe nor may ſtand with law and reaſoun be oure freindis then ſall the burding thairof be laid vpoun us / and that to oure reproche / gif order beis not put to the ſame / We traiſt / the courſe we haue taken be als honorable and eaſfull to ȝow as ony cours beſides that quhilk is already tane / can be taken / We wiſhe ȝow to wey and conſider thir maters and tak the liklyeſt / and that for divers reſpectis ·

We perſave be ȝoure lettre / that the commoning betuix ȝow and Alexander Balfoure is expyrit and not appointit / thairfore we will reſt fra ony farther dealing in that matter till we knaw ȝoure mynd ·

As to the Lord Maxwell / We deſire ȝow to keip bak ȝoure hand from making him ony new title till farther reſolution be taken betuix ȝow and ws / Sa We commit ȝow to God At Thomptalloun the aucht day of Aprile 1577 ·

ȝour gude freind

JAMES REGENT ·

To oure couſing the Laird of Lochlevin ·

James Earl of Morton Regent to the Laird of Lochleven ·

90 Rycht traiſt couſing eftir our hartlie commendatioun / The complaint maid be ȝow to ws anent the generalitie of the aſſurance cravit of ȝow wes declarit be ws to the counſale / Be quhais auiſe It is thocht gude that the ſamyn be alterit in the twa ſpeciall poyntis complenit vpoun Swa that the ſamyn is now put in ſic termis as We traiſt with reſſoun ȝe can not refuis to ſubſcriue / And ſeing the tyme now ſchortlie approcheis quhilk wes appointit for ordour to be takin anent the contrauerſy and that na thing can be done befoir the aſſurance firſt be paſt · We pray ȝow thairfoir To ſubſcriue and returne this aſſurance with ſic diligence as

ȝe may gudelie / quhairthrow materis may be the bettir handillit for the commoun weill and quietnes of the cuntre in tyme cuming / As ȝe will declair ȝour affectioun thairto and do ws pleafure Thus we commit ȝow to God · At Haliruidhous the xij day of May 1577 ·

ȝour affurit freind

To our rycht traift coufing the Lard of Lochlevin · JAMES REGENT ·

Litera Roberti Douglas filii Gulielmi Douglas de Lochleven ·

91 JAMES be the grace of God King of Scottis To all and findrie &c Wit ȝe ws with avife and confent of oure rycht treft coufing James erle of Mortoun lord Dalkeith Regent to ws our realme and lieges To have gevin and grantit to oure lovit Robert Dowglas fone and appeirrand air to Williame Dowglas of Lochlevin the waird nonentres malis fermis and dewiteis of all and findrie the townis and landis of Cuthill Burngranys alias Burnfyde &c lyand within our fchirefdome of Perth Of all ȝeiris and termis bygane that the famyn hes bene in oure handis &c be reffoun of waird and nonentres or athir of thame fen the deceis of umquhile Jhonne Charteris of Cuthilgurdye &c Gevin under oure Privie feill At Halyruidhous the fevintene day of Januar The ȝeir of God I^m V^c threfcoir fevintene ȝeiris And of our regnne the ellevint ȝeir ·

Per fignaturam manu dicti Domini Regentis fubfcriptam ·

James Earl of Mortoun Regent to the Laird of Lochleven ·

92 Traift coufing efter our maift hertlie commendatioun / We have reffauit ȝour lettres the firft of the xxvj of Februare / defiring ws to accept ȝour guidwill in gude part / quhairof we thank ȝow indeid / howbeit we be not vnmyndfull of our awin eftait / nor ȝit of our grund as ȝe wrait Neyther we traift in reafon fall it be fund that we haue omittit our dewitie to-

wardes the Kingis Majeſtie / Nor in our default loſt the freindſhip of his hienes weilwillaris / Quhat ȝe meane be the treating of the Kingis inymeis / we can not weill anſuer vnto / being ſa generall / Bot gif ȝe wer plane with ws thairin / we wald anſuer ȝow in the like playnnes / Indeid it is knawin that the neceſſitie of his hienes awin eſtaitt and of his realme and haill ſubjectis efter the lang troubles (quhairin our awin burding wes not leaſt) required peax / quhilk being treatit and concludit be the cheif nobilmen then obedient to his hienes auctoritie / We haif ſenſyne bene alwayes cairfull to preſerve it / Off intent with Gods grace to haif deliuerit the governament peciable and quiet in his awin handes / thinking na thing mair dangerous in his minoritie then the renouatioun of troubles And the better to interteny this quietnes We haue done iuſtice / and thewen our ſelff thairin / and in thingis promiſſed indifferent to all / as the only meanis to retene the realme in vnitie and obedience / Quhat is now intendit and practiſed to the contrary / Or quhether the alteracioun of this courſe ſall pruif for the honour and weill of his Majeſtie and the benefite of the haill realme / tyme and experience will declair / And for our proceidingis and adminiſtratioun in our charge / We may weill juſtefie it prayſed be God / before the King the Eſtaittis of Scotland and all vtheris in the warld being reaſonable and indifferent ·

As tueching the Maiſter of Marris aduertiſement / how vpoun knawlege of the erll of Ergilis cuming to Striueling / the Kingis Maieſtie commandit to gif him acces and a chalmer within the caſtell quhairanent we hard nathing from him ſelf · Quhat it ſall pleas his hienes to command ſall alſua pleas ws Bot We conſidder weill anewch / that his Maieſties will or commandment is not to command ony thing that is aganis his awin obedience (as this is) without he be ſiniſterlie perſuadit ſa to do / Neyther wes the Maiſter ȝour vncle now ignorant that the erll of Ergile wes at the horne / as the laſt time he pretendit / We ar evill and vnthankfullie acquite for our guidwill borne to the houſe of Mar / Bot it may ſa fall out that as thay deale with ws Sa may thay be delt with in tyme als vnmeitt / be thair new freindſhip ·

We thank ȝow hertlie of ȝour laſt lettre and aduertiſment tueching the erll of Athollis repairing to Striueling / Prayand ȝow to continew ȝour aduertiſementis as ȝe ſall fee occaſioun from tyme to tyme / And althocht We will not deſire ȝowr ſelf to pas to Striueling / ȝit we wald ȝe ſuld haue ſum thair / to behald and conſidder the maner / that be ȝour gude meanys We may haif ſum certane intelligence of thair ettilling and proceidingis / ffor the Kingis Majeſtie being weill / quhilk is our cheiff cair / We are the leſs thochtfull of vther thingis / bot ſall meitt thaim as we may.

Mr Randolphe is to be in Striueling and to preſent a taken and lettres from the Quene of England to the Kingis Majeſtie this nixt tyſday / The effect of his meſſaige as we can ȝit perceave is to ſalute the King vpoun report of his vertuus and gude qualities and to declair the Quene of Englandis fauour and gude affectioun towardis him and his eſtaitt / The troublous eſtait and apparent dangeris in Flanders and France movis this / and a deſire that ſhe hes of the continewance of the freindſhip of this cuntrie. In Flanders ſen the defaitt the ſtates ar reportit to haue recoverit ſum couraige / and that in a ſkarmyſhe the eldeſt bruder of Boithwelhauch ſuld be taken preſoner / we haue gottin as ȝit na aduertizement of thay thingis from ony ſcottiſman / Thus reſting for the preſent quhill we ſall heir further from ȝow / as ȝe ſall find the apperance and proceiding in thingis / Committis ȝow in the protectioun of the Almichtie AT Halyruidhous the ſecond of Marche 1577.

ȝour aſſured freind

JAMES REGENT.

Althogh in our lettre we deſyr ȝow to ſend to Striueling / We remitt it in ȝour awin chois and conſideratioune quhether ȝe think meittar to gang or ſend / As ȝe think ȝe may haue maiſt ſure intelligence of thair intentionis and proceidingis that be ȝow we may be certifiit thairof.

To oure traiſt Couſing the
Laird of Lochleven.

James Earl of Morton Regent to the Laird of Lochleven ·

93 Traiſt Couſing efter our maiſt hertly commendatioune / The Englis Ambaſſadouris as we ſchew 3ow of befor rydis the morne to Striueling / and my lord of Angus the Chancellair and Theſaurair rydis weſt lykewyſe / Quherfore We wald think it meitt that 3e alſua ſuld be thair weſt at the ſame tyme ·

Prayand 3ow to addreſs 3our ſelf to be thair the morne at evin / Or ellis howſone thairefter as 3e can / Seing thair tary is not to be lang thair / And thairfore the ſounair the bettir / At 3our cuming 3e will vnderſtand be my Lord of Angus my awin meaning / And ſa leving all vther thing thervnto / and 3our anſuer and aduertizement thairefter we commit 3ow in the protectioun of the Almichtie At Halyruidhouſe the thrid day of marche 1577 ·

3our aſſured freind ·

To oure traiſt Couſing the Laird of Lochlevin · JAMES REGENT ·

James Earl of Morton Regent to the Laird of Lochleven ·

94 Traiſt Couſing efter our maiſt hertlie commendatioune · We reſſauit 3our lettre of the thrid of marche / And as we tak 3our playnnes thairin in gude pairt / As proceiding from a friend and kynniſman / in quhais gude affectioun toward ws we neuir doubtit / Sa 3e may not think it ſtrange That we purge our ſelff of ſafer of 3our accuſatioun / as in conſcience we fynd with our ſelf to haif offendit in / As tueching our offence to God / we intend not to excuſe it bot to ſubmitt ws to his mercy · ffor ambicioun ſurely we think nane can juſtlie accuſe ws / ffor in our privat eſtait we culd and can leif als weill contented as ony of our degre in Scotland / without further aſpiring / The bearing of the charge of the gover-

nament of the realme indeid mon leade ws or ony vther that ſall occupy that place / Not ſimpillie to reſpect our ſelf bot his Majeſties rowme quhilk we ſupplie / And thairin not tranſcending the boundis of meſour / as we traiſt it ſall not be found we haue done · It aucht not to be attributit to ony ambicioun in ws / ffor how ſone as euir his Majeſtie ſall think himſelf reddy and able for his awin governament Nane ſall mair willinglie aggre and avance the ſame nor I / Sen I think neuir to ſett my face aganis him quhais honour ſaulftie and preſeruacioun hes bene ſa deir vnto me / Nor I will neuir beleif to find otherwayes at his hand then fauour / althogh all the vnfreindis I haif in the earthe wer about him to perſuaid him to the contrary As we wrait vnto ȝow / our freindlie dealing and confidence in the houſe of Mar is not thankfullie acquite / As we traiſt ȝour ſelf conſideris / Bot becaus the ambaſſadouris of England / my Lord of Angus the chancellair theſaurair and ſum noblemen Rydis weſt this day to ſee the King / We pray ȝow hertly addres ȝour ſelf to be thair howſone ȝe can / And as ȝe ſall finde the liklyheid of all thingis / Lett ws be aduertiſt therof with ȝour awin aduiſe be Alexander Hay quhome we haue thocht gude to ſend weſt / Seing my Lord of Angus from Striuiling ridis to Douglas And ſa we committ ȝow in the protectioune of God At Halyrudhous the fourt of marche 1577 ·

ȝour aſſured freind

JAMES REGENT ·

For the avaricioufnes laid to our charge Indeid It lyis not in ws ſa liberally to deale the Kingis geare as to ſatiffie all cravers / Nor neuir ſall ony ſouerane and native borne prince / lett be ane officiar eſhew the diſdayn of ſic as thinkis thame Jugeis to thair awin reward · In many cauſſis I doubt not to fynd the aſſiſtence of my freindis / Bot quhair my actionis ſall appeir vnhoneſt I will not crave thair aſſiſtence / bot lett me beare my awin burding ·

To our traiſt Couſing the
Laird of Lochlevin ·

Diſcharge by the Privy Council of Scotland to James Earl of Mortoun of his Regiment ·

At Striuiling Caſtell the twelft day of Marche the yeir of God I^{m} V^{c} *threſcoir ſevintene yeiris* ·

95 THE KINGIS Maieſtie nobilitie and eſtaittis convenit Vnderſtanding how eftir the lang trublis and dangerous ciuile wear quhairwith this Realme wes inquietit frome the birth and coronatioune of his Majeſtie vnto the moneth of Nouember The ȝeir of God I^{m} V^{c} lxxij ȝeiris vmquhile Johnne erll of Mar lord Erſkin than regent to his hienes his Realme and liegis being laitlie deceiſſit Att the erneſt ſuit of the Nobilitie and eſtaittis than convenit The nobill and michtie lord James erll of Mortoune lord of Dalkeith being nominat and electit be thame Acceptit vpoune him the regiment of our ſouerane lord his Realme and liegis Quhilk electioune and nominatioune with his acceptatioune of the ſaid charge being dewlie ratifeit and confermit be his hienes and his eſtaittis in his Maiceſteis Parliament haldin at Edinburgh the xxvj day of Januar The ȝeir of God foirſaid / He according thairto enterit in the adminiſtratioun of the Regiment of this realme in a maiſt peralous tyme The Caſtell of Edinburgh than being ſtuffit and detenit aganis his hienes be his rebellis and a greit nowmer of the principallis of the Nobilitie than ſtanding diſobeydient to his hienes authoritie Quhilk caſtell being recoverit and the diſſobedient ſubiectis and haill eſtait ſchortlie pacifiit be the prudent and diligent travellis of the ſaid erll of Mortoune regent with greit and ſumptuous chairgis He hes ſenſyne worthelie vſit and execute the regiment of this realme quhill that now the end of the twelft ȝeir of our ſouerane lordis aige approcheing His Majeſtie with auiſe of the ſaidis Nobilitie and eſtaittis hes thocht meit that the governament of his Realme ſalbe frome this furth exerceit be him ſelf The ſaid lord regent having lang wiſheit his Majeſteis awin habilitie for the charge and craveing na thing mair erniſtlie than to be diſburdynnit thairof with the honoure and ſuirtie of

his Majeſteis perſoune and eſtait and the publict peace and tranquillitie of his Realme and ſubiectis Hes frelie at his hienes deſyir dimittit and randerit vnto his Majeſtie the power and authoritie of the ſaid regiment to be vſit and exerceit be him ſelff And his Majeſtie having gude pruif and experience of the faithfull and trew ſeruice done be the ſaid lord regent to his hienes in his tender aige alſweill befoir the acceptatioune of the Regiment of the realme as ſenſyne for the defence and ſaulftie of his perſoune and authoritie chieflie in the dangerous trublis than occurring And being myndfull of the ſaid gude and faithfull ſeruice In reſpect thairof And that vtheris of the nobilitie that may happin to be employit in his hienes ſeruice may ſerue his Majeſtie and his ſucceſſouris with the gretar affectioune in tyme cuming Hes thairfoir with auiſe of the ſaidis Nobilitie and eſtaittis Found declairit and decernit that the ſaid lord Regent hes dewlie lauchfullie juſtlie and diligentlie exerceit his ſaid office of Regiment and all effairis cauſſis and chairgis thairto appertening And hes trewlie as accordit in all reſpectis adminiſtrat the ſame fra the tyme of the accepting thairof to the dait of thir preſentis And euir during the ſame ſpace in all his proceidingis in the governament of this Realme kepit ane trew aufauld and juſt part towardis oure ſouerane lord his realme and liegis in all the effairis thairof without cryme offence or falt · And thairfoir his Maieſtie with auiſe and counſall of the ſaidis Nobilitie and eſtaitis hes declairit and deceruit That the ſaid lord Regent his airis and ſucceſſouris ſall nocht be accuſabill of ony maner of cryme of quhatſumeuir greitnes or wecht without exceptioune that may be alledgit committit be him in tyme bipaſt Bot that he is and ſalbe in all tymes cuming frelie diſchairgit and exonerit of all accuſatioune Or ony vtherwyiſs proceiding moving of pley or queſtioune aganis him or his ſucceſſouris for ony caus cryme or occaſioune of cryme quhatſumeuir that may be imput to him how greit ſoeuir the ſame be And that his hienes foirſaid declaratioune be ane ſufficient exoneratioune and acquittance to the ſaid lord regent his airis ſucceſſouris and aſſignayis Off all crymes queſtionis or offences that can or may be criminalie or ciuilie

imput to him be his Majeſtie for ony falt or deid done be him his miniſteris and ſeruandis in the ſaid adminiſtratioune in the regiment during the ſpace and tyme thairof And the ſaid acquittance and diſcharge his hienes with auiſe and conſent of the ſaidis Nobilitie and eſtaittis hes willit and grantit to be als vailliabill and of als greit ſtrenth force and effect in all reſpectis As gif the hieeſt cryme that can or may be Impute to ony perſoun wer ſpecialie expreſſit thairin Diſchairging all his hienes Judges and Miniſteris of his lawis That nane of thame attempt ony thing in the contrair thairof and of thair offices in that part And als his Majeſtie with auiſe of the ſaidis Nobilitie and eſtaittis hes diſchairgit quitclamit and exonerit the ſaid lord regent his airis executouris aſſignayis and ſucceſſouris his miniſteris factouris and ſeruandis Off all ſowmes of money cunȝeit and vncunȝeit All maillis fermes proffeittis rentis revenues and dewiteis baith of the propir patrimony and caſualitie of the realme and dominionis and of his Majeſties cunȝie and proffeit thairof The thriddis of benefices with all vtheris guidis geir and thingis quhatſumeuir alſweill vnnamit as namit pertening or that mycht onywyiſs have pertenit to his Majeſtie ſen the ſaid lord Regentis intromiſſioune with the ſaid office of Regiment intromettit with be him his Miniſteris factouris or ſeruandis in his name during the ſaid ſpace And hes willit and grantit that the ſaid exoneratioune and diſcharge be als vailiabill and of als greit ſtrenth force and effect to exoner quitclame and diſcharge the ſaid lord Regent his airis executouris aſſignayis and ſucceſſouris of ony thing of quhatſumeuir valew greit or ſmall that may be aſkit requirit or perſewit be his Maieſtie or his ſucceſſouris aganis the ſaid Regent his airis executouris aſſignais or ſucceſſouris as appertening to his Maieſtie be ony richt or titill during the ſaid ſpace of the regiment and adminiſtratioune abonewrittin lyke as the ſame hed bene ſpecialie expremit in this preſent Diſcharge And like as all the greteſt and maiſt vailliabill thingis with the quhilkis he may be chairgit had bene heirintill expremit Exceptit alwyiſs the Jowellis and pleniſſingis of his hienes houſſes cleithing artailȝerie and mvnitioune pertening to his Majeſtie or his darreſt moder Intromettit with and Re-

coverit be the ſaid lord Regent quhilkis his hienes willis nocht ſalbe comprehendit in his ſaid diſcharge Bot the ſaid lord Regent to ſtand anſuerabill for the ſame to his Majeſtie as he ſalbe requirit And further his Maieſtie with auiſe of the ſaidis Nobilitie and eſtaitis Hes promittit in the faith and word of a prince Neuir to reuoke the ſaid diſcharge nor to cum in the contrair thairof in ony tyme heireftir Prouiding alwyiſs that this preſent diſcharge be nocht preiudiciall to our ſouerane lord and his ſucceſſouris in his Maieſties reuocatioune or reductioune of quhatſumeuir Infeftmentis gevin of his hienes propirtie during his minoritie Or of the richt of quhatſumeuir landis lordſchippis offices or digniteis fallin or becum in his Maieſties handis be reſſoune of forfaltour recognitioune baſtardry or vtherwyis pertening to his hienes be priuilege of his croune · Quhilk Exoneratioune Diſcharge and promeis the Kingis Majeſtie with auiſe of the ſaidis Nobilitie and eſtaittis now convenit Ordanis to be dewlie ratifeit and approvit in his hienes nixt Parliament to be haldin betuix the dait heirof and the twentie day of Julij nixttocum As alſua to be ratifiit and approvit of new in his Maieſties firſt Parliament at his lauchfull and perfite aige And ordanis and commandis the Chancellare to append his hienes greit ſeill to the ſaid exoneratioune diſcharge and promeis now ſubſcriuit with his Majeſteis hand Nochtwithſtanding that the ſame is nocht paſt his hienes ſignet and priuie ſeill For the quhilk this preſent act and ordinance Subſcriuit be the clerk of his hienes counſall ſalbe to the ſaid lord Chancellare full and ſufficient warrand · *Extractum de libro actorum ſecreti conſilii S · D · N · Regis per me Joannem Andro clericum deputatum eiuſdem Sub meis ſigno et ſubſcriptione manualibus* ·

JOANNES ANDRO ·

The Nobiliteis Obligatioune for Ratifeing my Lord of Mortoun diſcharge maid be the King in Parliament &c ·

96 BE IT KEND till all men be thir preſent lettres WE THE NOBILITIE Eſtatis and vtheris vnderſubſcryuand Vnderſtanding how efter

the lang trublis and dangerous ciuile weir quhairwith this Realme wes inquyettit frome the birthe and coronatioun of the Kingis Majeſtie oure ſouerane lord vnto the monethe of November the ȝeir of God Iᵐ Vᶜ threſcoir tuelff ȝeiris vmquhile Johnne Erle of Mar Lord Erſkin then Regent to his hienes his realme and liegis being laitlie deceiſſit / at the eirniſt ſute of the nobilitie and eſtatis then convenit The noble and michtie lord James Erle of Mortoun lord of Dalkeithe being nominat and electit be thame acceptit vpoun him the regiment of our ſouerane lord his realme and liegis quhilk electioun and nominatioun with his acceptatioun of the ſaid charge being dewlie ratifyit and confermit be his hienes and his eſtatis in his Majeſties Parliament haldin at Edinburgh the xxvj day of Januar the ȝeir of God foirſaid / He according therto enterit in the adminiſtratioun of the regiment of this realme in a maiſt perillous tyme / the Caſtell of Edinburgh then being ſtuffit and detenit aganis his hienes be his rebellis and a gritt nomber of the principallis of the nobilitie then ſtanding diſſobedient to his hienes authoritie Quhilk Caſtell being recoverit and the diſſobedient ſubiectis and haill eſtaite ſchortlie pacifyit be the prudent and diligent travellis of the ſaid Erle of Mortoun Regent with greitt and ſumptuous chargis / he hes ſenſyne worthelie vſit and exercit the regiment of this realme / quhill that now the end of the tuelft ȝeir of our ſouerane lordis aige approcheing / His Majeſtie with our avyſe hes thocht meitt that the governament of his realme ſalbe frome this furth exerceit be him ſelff / The ſaid Lord Regent having lang wiſheitt his Majeſties awin habilitie for the charge and craving na thing mair eirniſtlie then to be diſburdeynit therof with the honor and ſuirtie of his Majeſties perſoun and eſtate and the publict peax and tranquillitie of his realme and ſubiectis Hes frelie at his hienes deſyir dimittit and randerit vnto his Majeſtie the power and authoritie of the ſaid regiment To be vſit and exercit be him ſelff And his Majeſtie having guid pruiff and experience of the faithfull and trew ſeruice done be the ſaid lord Regent to his hienes in his tender aige allweill befor the acceptatioun of the regiment of the realme as ſenſyne for the defens and ſaulfftie of his

perſoun and authoritie cheiffie in the dangerous trublis than occurring and being myndfull of the ſaid guid and faithfull ſervice · In reſpect therof and that vtheris of the nobilitie that may happin to be employed in his hienes ſeruice may ſerue his Majeſtie and his ſucceſſouris with the gretar affectioune in tyme cumming Hes therfoir with our aduyſe found declarit and decernit That the ſaid lord Regent hes dewtifullie lauchfullie iuſtlie and diligentlie exercit his ſaid office of regiment and all affairis cauſſis and chargis therto appertening And hes trewlie as accordit in all reſpectis adminiſtrat the ſame fra the tyme of the accepting therof to the daitt of thir preſentis and euir during the ſame ſpace in all his procedingis in the governament of this realme kepit ane trew afauld and juſt pairte towarde our ſouerane lord his realme and liegis in all the affaires therof without cryme offence or fault And therfoir His Majeſtie with our aduyſe and counſale hes declarit and decernit That the ſaid lord Regent his airis and ſucceſſouris ſall nocht be accuſable of ony maner of cryme of quhatſumeuir greitnes or wecht without exceptioun that may be alledgit committit be him in tyme bypaſt Bot that he is and ſalbe in all tyme cumming ſiclic diſchargit and exonerit of all accuſatioun or ony vtherwyis proceding moving of pley or queſtioun aganis him or his ſucceſſours for ony caus cryme or occaſioun of cryme quhatſumeuir that may be imput to him how gritt ſo euir the ſame be And that his hienes foirſaid declaratioun be ane ſufficient exoneratioun and acquittance to the ſaid lord Regent his airis ſucceſſouris and aſſignayis of all crymes queſtionis or offenſis that can or may be criminallie or ciuillie imputt to him be his Majeſtie for ony fact or deid done be him his Mini eris and ſeruandis in the ſaid adminiſtratioun of the regiment during the tyme and ſpace therof And the ſaid acquittance and diſcharge His Hienes with our aduyſe and conſent hes willit and grauntit to be als valiable and of als greitt ſtrenthe force and effect in all reſpectis As gif the hieaſt cryme that can or may be imputt to ony perſone wer ſpeciallie expreſſit therin Diſcharging all his hienes Judgis and Miniſteris of his Lawis That nane of thame attempt ony thing in the contrare therof and of ther offices in

that part And als his Majeſtie with our aduyſe hes diſchargit quyteclamit and exonerit the ſaid lord Regent his airis executouris aſſignayis and ſucceſſouris his Miniſteris factouris and ſeruandis of all ſowmes of money cunȝeit and vncunȝeit all maillis fermis proffittis rentis revennewis and dewties bayth of the propir patrimonye and caſualitie of the realme and dominiones and of his Majeſties cunȝe and proffitt therof / The thirdis of benefices with all vtheris guiddis geir and thingis quhatſumeuir alſweill vnnamit as namit pertenyng or that ony wyis mycht haif pertenit to his Majeſtie ſen the ſaid lord Regentis intromiſſioun with the ſaid office of regiment Intromettit with be him his Miniſteris factouris or ſeruandis in his name during the ſaid ſpace And hes willit and grantit that the ſaid exoneratioun and diſcharge be als valiable and of als greitt ſtrenthe force and effect to exoner quyteclame and diſcharge the ſaid Lord Regent his airis executouris aſſignayis or ſucceſſouris of ony thing of quhatſumeuir valiew grite or ſmall that may be aſkit requyrit or perſewit be his Majeſtie or his ſucceſſouris aganis the ſaid Regent his airis executouris aſſignayis or ſucceſſouris as appertening to his Majeſtie be ony rycht or titill / during the ſaid ſpace of the regiment and adminiſtratioune abone-writtin lyik as the ſamyn had bene ſpeciallie expreſſit in this preſent diſcharge · And lyik as all the greittaſt and maiſt valiable thingis with the quhilkis he may be chargit had bene heirintill expremit Except alwayis the Jowellis and pleniſſing of his hienes houſſis and clething pertening to his Majeſtie or derreſt mother intromettit with and recoverit be the ſaid Lord Regent Quhilkis his hienes willis not ſalbe comprehendit in his ſaid diſcharge Bot the ſaid Lord Regent to ſtand anſuerable for the ſame to his Majeſtie as he ſalbe requirit HEIRFOIR We be thir preſentis Bindis and obliſſis ws our airis executouris aſſignayis and ſucceſſouris conjunctlie To the ſaid Erle of Mortoun now Regent his airis executouris and aſſignayis That we ſall move and perſuade oure ſaid ſouerane lord nocht onlye to caus his ſaid exoneratioun diſcharge and promeis and euery poynt therof to be ratifyit and apprevit be his hienes and his eſtatis in his nixt Parliament To be haldin betuix the date heirof and the

day of nixtocum Bot als to be ratifyit and apprevit [of new in his] hienes firſt Parliament at his lauchtfull and perfyit aige And als dewlie to fulfill To the ſaid Erle now Regent his airis [executouris aſſign]ayis and ſucceſſouris all and ſindrie the premiſſis and euery poynt and article therof as is abouneſpecifyit vnder the pane of . . . . . thouſand pundis money of this realme PROUYDING alwayis That this preſent Diſcharge be not preiudiciall to our ſouerane Lord and his ſucceſſouris in his reuocatioun or reductioun of quhatſumevir Infeftmentis gevin of his hienes propirtie during his minoritie or of the Rycht of quhatſumeuir landis lordſchippis offices or dignities fallin or becumin in his handis be reſſoun of forfaltor recognitioun baſtardrye or vtherwyis pertening to his Majeſtie [be] privieledge of his crowne And for obſeruing and fulfilling of the premiſſis We ar content That this our obligatioune be inſert in the buikis of our ſouerane Lordis Counſale and Parliament To haif the ſtrenthe of ane act and decreitt therof reſpectiue with the authoritie of the ſaidis Lordis of counſale and Parliament reſpectiue to be interponit therto with executoriallis to be given thervpoune To poynd and diſtrenȝe ws our airis executouris aſſignayis and ſucceſſouris for payment of the ſaid ſowme and lettres in the four formes to denunce ws or thame our ſouerane Lordis rebellis incais of failȝe in the premiſſis And to that effect hes maid conſtitute and ordanit and be the tennor heirof makis conſtitutis and ordanis Maiſteris Dauid M^c^Gill Johnne Schairpe Thomas Craig Alexander Sym Clement Lytill Richart Strang and ilkane of thame coniunctlie and ſeuerallie our lauchfull vndowtit procuratouris Gevand grantand and committand to thame and ilkane of thame our verray full and plane power expres bidding mandiment and charge for ws and in our names To compeir befoir the ſaidis Lordis of Counſale and Parliament reſpectiue at ony tyme or place conuenient and ther preſent therto our preſent obligatioun and conſent and caus the ſamyn be regiſtrat in the ſaidis buikis of counſale and Parliament reſpectiue to haif the ſtrenthe and effect of ane act and decreitt therof with executoriallis to pas thervpoune as is abone ſpecifyit

IN WITNES of the quhilk thing We haif ſubſcryuit thir preſentis with our handis AT our caſtell of Striueling the Twelft day of merche The ȝeir of God I^{m} V^{c} threſcoir ſevintene ȝeiris ·

ANGUSS ·
E · ERGYLL ·
JHON L · GLAMMISS ·
MAR ·
ERROLL ·
ATHOLL ·
MONTROIS ·
DAUID ERLE OF CRAUFURD ·
ROBERT Byſchope off Cathnes ·
ERLL OF MENTHT ·
AD · ORCHADEN ·
MORAUIEN ·
R · DUNFERMLING ·
NEWBOTIL ·
WILLIAME L · BORTHUIK ·
J · CONSTABLE of Dunde ·
DEIR ·
ALEXANDER B · of Brechin ·
CATHCART ·
JAMES STEUART ·
ALEX^{R} · Maiſter of Mar ·
TULIBARDIN Comptrollare ·
WILLIAME DOUGLAS of Lochleuin ·
VILLIAM · · · · · ·
ANDRO KER of Faudonſyd ·
CATHENES ·
GLENCARN ·
RUTHVEN ·
JHON L · MAXWELL ·
PATRIK L · LYNDSAY ·
PATRIK Maſter of Gray ·
J · L · OGILVY ·
HEW LORD SOMERWELL ·
J · DUNKELD ·
ROBERT Maſter of Setoun ·
INCHEFFRAY ·
S^{R} JAMES HOUME ·
ALEXANDER HOME ·
BARGANY ·
JHONE STEWART of Tracquair ·
J · SEYTOUN of Tulibodye ·
LORD INNERMEITH ·
CAMBUSKYNNETH ·
ALEXANDER Commendatar of Coldyngham ·
DRYBRUCH ·
DRUMQUHASSILL ·
RO · COLUILL of Cleiſche ·

The Earl of Morton to the Lord Chancellar ·

97 My Lord and couſing I reſſauit a copie of a lettre from ȝour ſervand this Sonday at efter none quhilk lettre wes ſend to ȝour L · from the Kingis Majeſtie / vpoun informatioun as appeares / that I ſuld be fortefeing and victualling the Caſtell of Edinburgh / and that I ſuld haue haldin the Irnes of the cunȝehous occupeit / and that thair wes giftes and diſpoſitiones paſſing the ſeillis vpoun my recent ſubſcriptioune / and that I ſuld retene forces and wes gaddering ma ·

For anſwer ſen my conference had with ȝour L · nother haue I gevin occaſioun Nor ȝit was I of mynd to mak ony novatioune other be victualling or fortefeing the Caſtell Nor ȝit to mak the Irnes of the cunȝehous to be occupeit Nor hes ſubſcriuit nor paſt ony gift or diſpoſitioun be my ſubſcriptioun And the forces quhilk I had ar brokin and nane taken vp Thairfore quhaſaeuir hes bene the reporters hes done it vpoun malice and that vntrewly ffor as trew as God levis I nother gaif nor myndit to gif ony ſic occaſioun Bot be the contrar / I am determinat to keip everie word ſpokin to ȝour L · and the reſt of my lordes being in Commiſſioun with ȝou till the ſame be fulfillit on my part Other maters taking effect according to oure commoning / This far haue I thocht gude to aſſure ȝour L · of my meanyng / And prayis ȝow maiſt hertlie to mak the ſame knawin to the King my maiſter and ſamony of the noblemen thair as ȝe think gude / Farther I deſire to vnderſtand howfar ȝour L · hes procedit in concluſioun of the articles gevin be me vnto ȝow / I traiſt thay being red and weill conſiderit / thair ſalbe nathing found on my part bot guid faith and ſeruice vnto the Kingis hienes my maiſter And thairfore loukis to reſſaue his hienes ſauoure and guidwill to continew towardes me · I am maiſt deſirous to be certefeit at lenth from ȝour L · or Alexander Hay be ȝour aduiſe of the eſtate of the maters preſent quhairby I may be the mair able to performe thingis promiſit on my part And loukis that ȝe will ſee maters to be vprichtlie handillit on the vther ſyde quhairthrow

all Jelofy and fufpicioun may be takin away and the mowthis of fic to be ftoppit as ar bot Inventares of lies / Sa louking for the returne of ȝour anfwer be this berar / I commit ȝour L · to the protectioune of God · AT Dalkeith the xvj day of Marche 1577 ·

ȝour L · affured freind

MORTOUN ·

Many of thir maters quhairwith I am chargit / I doubt not bot ȝour L · hes lettin the trewth thairof be vnderftand or now and my trew meaning in all thingis ·

To my lord and Coufing
My Lord Chancellair ·

The Earl of Mortoun to the Laird of Lochleven ·

98 Coufing Lochlevin eftir my herty commendatioune I reffauit ȝour writing fchawing that my lord of Angus had fteikkin vp the writing that I fend to the Chancellair / and red the fame to the Kingis Majeftie and his counfale / quha tuke weill with the fame / At the Chancellair / the Lord Ruthven and Hereis being laft heir / We appointit be commoning for the deliuery of the Caftell / gif the counfale thair fand the fame gude / The articles I fubfcriuit with my hand and deliuerit thame to the Commiffioners / bot as ȝit hes reffauit na anfuer / And therfore I pray ȝow to affift my lord of Angus to crave ane anfwer vnto me / ffor feing it is the Kingis Majefties pleafure to haue his houfe / I am maift willing to deliuer it / and cravis nathing bot a fufficient difcharge of the Kingis Majeftie and counfall for my warrand for deliuerie of the faid Caftell with the Jowellis movables and mvnitioun being thairin and that vpoun Inuentary with a little tyme to tranfport our awin geir that is within the fame / I truft all gude men fall find this reffonable And for my part fall performe the fame / I mynd to tak na vther cours / bot to ferue the King trewly / as

I have done from his birth / It is brutit that thay mynd to ſend and charge the Caſtell to be deliuerit vnder the pane of treſſoun / gif this beis done then it is my wrak that is ſocht and a great hurt to the King / gif his Jowellis moveables and mvnitioun ſuld be deliuerit without Inuentarie gif this be in heid to proceid thus / I pray ȝow laboure at ȝour vttermaiſt power at all the Lordes handes to ſtop it / And trewlie I think na gudeman will aggre vnto it / ſeing how reſſonablie I haue offerit my ſelf to ſatiſfie the Kingis pleaſure vtherwyſe / I will deſire ȝow maiſt erniſtlie to joyne with my lord of Angus and ſic vtheris our freindis as ȝe think meit to help to put this mater of the Caſtell to a poynt / For I wald be at that poynt my ſelf to haue nathing ado now / bot to leif quietlie to ſerue my God and the King my maiſter / This deſire and requeiſt I doubt not / the Kingis Maieſtie and all gude men ſall think reſſonable ·

I truſt ȝe haue hard thair wes ſum ſlauchter betuix ſum of the Caſtell and thame of the toun / quhilk is baith lamentit be the toun and ws / It come fooliſhelie on / Thair mon be a reſpeit grantit to the Capitane and the Conſtable with the reſt of thair cumpany for a certane ſpace of ȝeris now quhen the Caſtell beis deliuerit / quhairthrow thair lyffis be not in danger / This ȝe mon travell to obtene and gett with my lord of Angus / for we ſall ſatiſfie the freindes of the ſlayne men / and that be the ſicht of the toun / Farther of my mynd ȝe will vnderſtand be the berar Andro Coninghame To quhom it will pleis ȝow to gif credite / Praying ȝow to returne ȝoure mynd and anſuer vnto me with him · And ſwa I commit ȝow to God AT Dalkeith the xixth of Marche 1577 ·

ȝour aſſured freind and couſing ·

MORTOUN ·

To my richt traiſt freind and couſing
The Lard of Lochlevin ·

The Earl of Mortoun to the Earl of Angus ·

99 My Lord and ſone after my herty commendatioune · This trouble that fell betuix the caſtell and toun of Edinburgh is knawin now to haue procedit without ony malice on ayther ſyde / bot be ſum ȝoung dealing of thame of the toun that kepit the Weſt Port / Twa honeſt men of the toun wes heir with me directit fra the reſt / quha declares that we had na malice at thame nor ȝit they at ws And thairfore lamentis the vnhappynes of the deid as we do / And promiſit to me that they wald ſend twa to the King to declare the ſame to his Majeſtie and the Counſale thair Swa that na gude purpois betuix the Kingis hienes and me ſuld ſtay for that cauſe / And I vnderſtand that Mr Michaell Cheſholme and Johnne Johnnſtoun brother to the Laird of Elphinſtoun is directit weſt to the ſame effect / I will deſire ȝow to tak the paines and learne quhat they haue done and how the ſamyn wes taken and aduertiſe me agane the maner thairof ·

The laſt tyme my Lord Chancellair / Ruthven and Hereis wer heir / we wer in commoning vpoun inſtructiones they brocht from the Kingis Majeſtie and counſale / and in a maner aggreit concerning the deliuery of the Caſtell / for I wes content to deliuer the Caſtell to the Kingis Majeſtie or quhom he ſuld appoint to reſſaue the ſame / his hienes and his counſale gevand vnto me a ſufficient diſcharge of the Jowellis movables and mvnitioun being within the ſaid Caſtell for my warrand / Certane articles vpoun this mater I haue returnit with thame ſubſcriuit with my hand / quhairvnto I traiſt my lord Theſaurar will mak ȝow previe / quhairby ȝe may the better vnderſtand that mater / I am reddy to fulfill on my part all thingis promiſit to his hienes Seing he is deſirous to haue the Caſtell I am content to caus deliuer the ſame / The Jowellis movables and mvnitioun thairin being takin of my hand be Inventary / and a diſcharge deliuerit to me of the ſame / with a little tyme to tranſport the guidis pertening to our ſelffis being thairin / ȝe ſall crave this mater erniſtlie to be put to a poynt / And tak Lochlevin and ſic vther freindis

with ȝow as ȝe think gude to the ſame effect / The brute is heir / that thay mynd to gar charge the Caſtell to be deliuerit vnder the pane of treaſoun / gif that ſalbe done / the King will reſſaue great hurt thairthrow / for gif I ſuld deliuer the Caſtell vpoun a charge / the guidis thairin not being Inuentareit / It wer na doubt his Majeſties great apperand hurt / and altogethir my wrak / for vther men mycht at their pleaſur poſſes and vſe his Jowellis and vther thingis / quhilk I haue with great labouris recoverit / and to this tyme weill kepit / I pray ȝow ſpair na travell to ſtop this at ȝour vttermaiſt pouer / ffor nother reſſoun law nor conſcience can aggre with this order ·

I am ſorie of the Chancellares vnhappy chance / quhilk na doubt is to my greit greif / We mon thank God quhatſumeuir it pleaſis him to ſend / And now ſen God hes viſitit him / ȝe mon tak the mair panes and await the harder vpoun thir maters of myne And leif ȝour paſtyme till ȝe haue thame put to a poynt / gif the Kingis Majeſties pleaſur be that ȝe ſall remane with him / tarie ſalang as is his pleaſur / Marie in the meyntyme I pray ȝow ſe that ȝour freindis tak na hurt Otherwyſe ȝour courting ſeruis to litle purpois / ȝe mon gett a reſpett to my brother the Capitane the Conſtable and the reſt that wer with thame for this lait vnhappy ſlauchter in Edinburgh / for it wilbe verie hard to thame to deliuer the Caſtell / not having a reſpett / The ſlauchter being ſa recent / I pray ȝow to aduiſe vpoun thir maters wyſelie with ȝour wyſe freindes and put thame to a poynt / Lett me be aduertiſt fra ȝow of the eſtate of all maters as thay ſtand / with ȝour opinioun and the freindis thair quhat ȝe think beſt to be done / And ſa I commit ȝow to God AT Dalkeith the xix day of Marche 1577 ·

ȝour aſſured

MORTOUN ·

To my lord and ſonne
The erll of Angus ·

Agreement between James Earl of Mortoun and the Earl of Rothes and Lords Ruthven and Hereis ·

100 Concerning the deliverance of the Caſtell of Edinburgh Jowellis Artaill-ȝearie mvnitioun and movablis pertening to our ſouerane Lord and his derreſt moder and of the Diſcharge to be gevin therof to James erle of Mortoun lait Regent IT is aggreit betuix his Lordſchip on that ane part And the nobill and mychtie Lordis Andro Erle of Rothes Lord Leſlie &c. Williame Lord Ruthven theſaurer to our ſouerane lord and Johne Lord Herreis his hienes commiſſioneris in his Majeſteis name vpone that vther part That the ſecuritie of the ſaid Erle of Mortonis diſcharge being finiſchit and perfytit as the ſamyn is now correctit and deliuerit to the ſaidis commiſſioneris The ſaid Erle of Mortoun ſalbe reddy be him ſelf or vtheris qualifeit perſonis quhom he ſall appoynt to concur with our ſouerane lordis commiſſioneris that ſalbe vpone the vther part appoyntit for making of the Inventar of the gudis movable and munitioune to be deliuerit And to begin the xxv day of marche inſtant at houris befoir none And continew in all deligence with convenient ſpeid till the ſamyn be perfytit And the ſaid Caſtell with all the movablis and vtheris to be contenit in the ſaid Inventar To be deliuerit to the commiſſioneris to be depute to that effect within xlviij houris nixt efter the ſaid Inventar be perfytit Providing that at the deliuerance therof the ſecuritie of the ſaid Erle of Mortoun diſchairge as the ſamyn is deviſit als weill be the Kingis Majeſtie as be Nobilitie and eſtaitis be deliuerit vnto him Subſcryvit be the ſaid Erle of Mortoune and the Commiſſioneris foirſaidis AT Dalkeyth the xx day of marche The ȝeir of God I^{m} V^{c} thrie ſcoir ſevintene ȝeiris · MORTOUN ·

ROTHES · RUTHVEN · L· HERYS ·

The Earl of Mortoun to the Laird of Lochleven ·

101 Traiſt freind efter my herty commendatioun I have ſend this berar Johnne Douglas my ſervand to confer with ȝow upoun ſic materis as I have committit to him in credite Be reſſoun of quhais ſufficiency I will not trouble ȝow with a lang letter Bot deſiris ȝow to returne me anſwer be him of the maters that he hes to confer upoun with ȝow And ſwa I commit ȝow to God AT Dalkeith the xxj day of Marche 1577 ·

ȝoure aſſured freind

MORTOUN ·

To my traiſt freind and couſing
The Lard of Lochlevin ·

Litera Exemptionis Jacobi comitis de Mortoun domini de Dalkeith ·

102 JAMES be the grace of God King of Scottis To all and ſindrie oure Judges and Miniſteris of oure lawis and all utheris oure liegis and ſubdittis quhome it efferis quhais knawlege thir oure letters ſalcum greting Forſamekill as oure richt traiſt couſing and counſalour James erll of Mortoun lord of Dalkeith lait Regent to ws oure realme and liegis hes trewlie worthellie and dewtifullie adminiſtrat the ſaid Regiment ⁊c· ⁊c· And be his earneſt cair gud travell takin thairin As als be reſſoun of his greit aige being now paſt threſcoir ane ȝeiris ⁊c· Thairfoir Exemis oure ſaid richt traiſt couſing and counſalour in his awin proper-perſoun allanerlie fra all aſſembleis conventionis oiſtis raidis or armeis appointit to be convenit in ony tyme heireftir during the ſpace of thir oure letters ⁊c· ATTOUR We for the guid trew and thankfull ſervice done to ws be oure ſaid traiſt couſing and counſalour ⁊c· be thir our letters reſſavis him his landis ⁊c· in oure ſpeciall ſalfgaird mantenance and defence ⁊c· Gevin

under oure previe feill AT Striuiling Caſtell the twentie four day of Merche The ȝeir of God Iᵐ Vᶜ threſcoir ſevintene ȝeiris And of oure Regnne the ellevint ȝeir ·

Per Signaturam Manu S · D · N · Regis ſubſcriptam ·

Act anent the Election of the Kingis Secret Council ·

AT the Caſtell of Striueling the xxiiij day of Marche The yeir of God Iᵐ Vᶜ *lxxvij yeris ·*

103 Forſamekle as oure Souerane Lord having acceptit the governament of his hienes realme in his awin perſoun vpoun the voluntary dimiſſioun of James erll of Mortoun lord of Dalkeith late Regent to his hienes his realme and liegis His Majeſtie be aduiſe of his nobilitie and eſtaites hes now thocht gude To elect and cheis ſex of the temporall and thre of the ſpirituall eſtait / to be ordinares of his hienes ſecrete counſale To remane togidder for furthſetting of his Majeſties auctoritie and adminiſtratioune of Juſtice / quhill the nixt Parliament appointit to be haldin the tent day of Julij nixtocum Thay ar to ſay

Colene erll of Ergile lord Campbell and Lorne
Johne erll of Athole lord of Balvany
Johnne erll of Montrois lord Grahame
George erll of Caithnes
Patrik lord Lyndſay of the Byres
Johnne lord Hereis
Alexander Erſkin of Gogar
In abſence of William maiſter of Marſchall The commendater of Deir his brother
Robert biſchop of Caithnes
Mark commendater of Newbottle

Togidder with William lord Ruthven his Majeſties theſaurar Robert commendater of Dunfermling ſecretar Maiſter George Buchannan kepar

of the previe ſeill Sir William Murray of Tullybardin knycht comptrollar and Maiſter James Makgill of Rankeloure nedder clerk of regiſter ·

The perſonis vnderwrittin to be vpoun the counſale quhen they ar preſent or quhen our ſouerane lord ſendis for thame ·

Archibald erll of Angus lord Douglas and Abirnethy
Johnne erll of Mar lord Erſkin
Andro erll of Rothes
Hew erll of Eglintoun
Andro erll of Erroll
William erll of Glencarne
William erll of Menteith
Johnne lord Maxwell
James lord Ogilvie
Patrik lord Gray and in his abſence Maiſter of Gray his ſone
James lord Innermeith
Adam biſchop of Orknay
Dauid commendater of Dryburgh
Adam commendater of Cambuſkynneth

And becaus oure ſouerane Lord may oftymes be circumvenit and diſſauit in ſubſcriuing in diuers ſignatouris of infeftmentis donationes giftes conductis and remiſſiones / and ſiclik vther lettres tueching his Majeſtie in his caſualitie or propertie IT is thairfore concludit decernit and ordanit be his hienes with auiſe of the ſaidis nobilitie and eſtaites That na ſic giftes ſignatouris and remiſſiones reſpettis conductis or vtheris lettres ſall pas in tyme cuming without the aduiſe and conſent of the ſaides Lordes of ſecrete counſale And that all ſic lettres and ſignatouris be firſt ſubſcriuit be ſamony of the ſaid ordinar counſale as ſalbe preſent for the tyme to the nowmer of ſex perſonis at the feweſt ſittand togidder in counſale The Chancellair alwayes being ane And gif ony ſic lettres ſalhappin to pas without thair conſentis and ſubſcriptiones in maner foirſaid The ſamin to be of nane avale force nor effect thairefter And ordanis and commandis the kepar of the great ſeill previe ſeill and ſignet That nane of thame

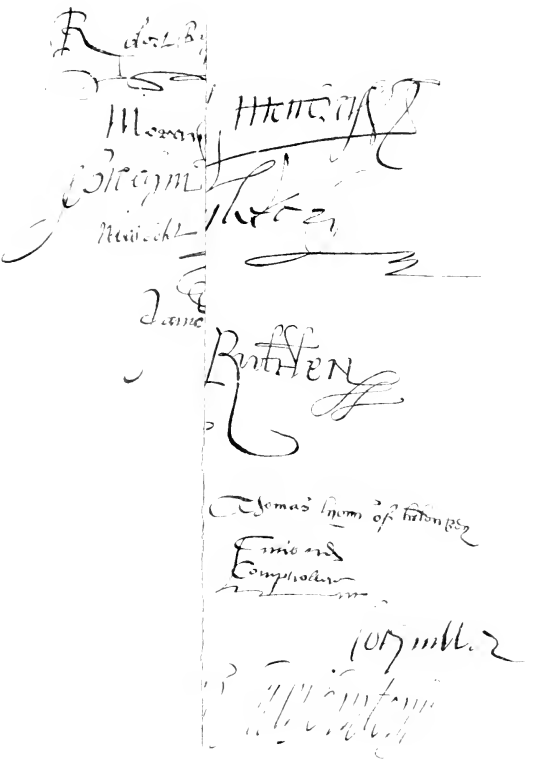
anſuer nor pas the ſaides ſeillis nor ſignet to ony lettres bot ſic as ſalbe ſubſcriuit in maner foirſaid As thay will anſwer vpoun thair office / And this order to indure quhill the ſaid Parliament appointit the ſaid tent day of Julij nixt ·

The Nobiliteis Obligatioune to the Erll of Mortoune anent the Randering of Edinburgh Caſtell ·

104 BE IT KEND till all men be thir preſent lettres WE the Nobilitie eſtaittis and vtheris underſubſcriuand fforſamekill as vpoun the voluntary dimiſſioun of James erll of Mortoun lord of Dalkeyth lait regent to our ſouerane lord his realme and liegis Of the power and authoritie of the regiment of this realme To be vſit and exerceit be his Majeſteis ſelf in tyme cuming His hienes with auiſe of his nobilitie and eſtaittis hes exonerit quitclamit and diſchargeit him Of his office and adminiſtratioun of the regiment of this realme ſen his acceptatioun therof And of all ſowmes of money cun3eit and vncun3eit All males fermis proffeittis rentis revenues dewiteis bayth of the propir patrimony and caſualitie of this realme and dominionis And of his Majeſteis cun3e and proffeit thairof The thridis of benefices and all vtheris gudis geir and thingis quhatſumeuir alſweill vnnemmyt as nemmyt pertening or that ony wayis mycht haif pertenit to his hienes ſen the ſaid erllis intromiſſioun with the ſaid office of regiment Intromettitwith be him his miniſteris factouris or ſeruitouris in his name during the ſaid ſpace Except alwayis his Majeſties Jowellis and pleniſſingis of his hienes houſſis and clething artaillierie and mvnitioun pertening to his hienes or his deareſt moder intromettitwith and recoverit be the ſaid erll / quhilkis his Majeſtie declarit ſould not be comprehendit in the ſaid diſcharge Bot he to ſtand anſuerabill to his hienes for the ſame as he ſould be requirit as in his Majeſteis exoneratioun and diſcharge at mair lenth is contenit And now the ſaid erll having at command and requiſitioun of his hienes realie and with effect deliuerit to his Majeſtie

and Williame Lord Ruthuen his hienes thefaurare and Patrik Lord Lindefay of the Byris Conjunctlie his hienes commiſſionaris in his name havand power to that effect his Caſtell of Edinburgh with all Jowellis pleniſſingis of his hienes houſes and clething artaillierie and mvnitioun pertening to his Majeſtie or his deareſt moder contenit in ane Inuenture maid betuix the ſaid erll on the ane part and his hienes commiſſionaris foirſaidis ſpecialie conſtitute to this effect on the vther part ſubſcriuit with thair handis and interchangeably deliuerit The ane to the ſaid erll To be kepit be him for his ſecuritie and the vther to his Majeſteis clerk of regiſter to be kepit in his hienes regiſter to his behuif Thairfoir his Majeſtie with our auiſe hes exonerit quitclamit and diſchargeit the ſaid erll his airis executouris ſucceſſouris and aſſignayis Of the ſaid Caſtell of Edinburgh All and ſindry the ſaidis Jowellis pleniſſingis of his Majeſteis houſſis and clething artaillierie and mvnitioun alſweill pertening to his hienes as his ſaid deareſt moder intromettitwith and recoverit be the ſaid erll contenit in the ſaid Inuenture And hes grantit and declarit the effect of the ſaid exceptioun contenit in the ſaid exoneratioun and diſcharge fulfillit fatiffiit and performit be the ſaid erll Of ſamekill as is contenit in the ſaid Inuenture And that his hienes exoneratioun and diſcharge foirſaid ſalbe als valiable and ſufficient in all reſpectis as gif the ſaid haill Inuenture and euery pece and parcell therin contenit wer in the ſame diſcharge expreſſlie mentionat Promitting in the fayth and word of a prince be our auiſe neuir to revoke the ſaid diſcharge nor to cum in the contrair thairof in ony tyme heireftir And forder with auiſe of his eſtaittis nobilitie and counſale his Majeſtie hes bund and obleiſt him ſelf and his ſucceſſouris To freith relief and keip ſkaythles the ſaid erll of Mortoun his airis executouris and ſucceſſouris Of all and quhatſumeuir contenit in the ſaid exoneratioun and diſcharge at the handis of quhatſumeuir perſoun or perſonis havand or that ſall pretend rycht clame or intereſſe thairto HEIRFOIR We be thir preſentis bindis and obleiſſis ws our airis executouris aſſignayis and ſucceſſouris conjunctlie To the ſaid erll of Mortoun his airis executouris and aſſignayis That we ſall move and per-

ſwade our ſaid ſouerane lord Not onelie to caus his ſaid exoneratioun diſcharge and promeis and euery point therof to be ratifiit and approvit be his hienes and his eſtaittis in his nixt Parliament to be haldin betuix the dait heirof and the Twenty day of Julij nixtocum Bot als to be ratifiit and approvit of new in his hienes firſt Parliament at his hienes lauchfull and perfyte aige And als dewlie to fulfill to the ſaid erll his airis executouris aſſignayis and ſucceſſouris all and findry the premiſſis and euery point and article thairof as is abone ſpecifiit vnder the payne of fyve hundreth thowſand pundis money of this realme And farther be the tennour heirof We bind and obleiſs ws and our airis executouris and ſucceſſouris To freith releif and keip ſkaythles the ſaid erll of Mortoun his airis executouris and ſucceſſouris Of all and quhatſumeuir contenit in the ſaid exoneratioun and diſcharge of the ſaid Caſtell Jowellis pleniſſingis clething artaillierie and mvnitioun contenit in the ſaid Inuenture at the handis of quhatſumeuir perſoun or perſonis havand or that ſall pretend richt clame or intereſſe thairto And for obſeruing and fulfilling of the premiſſis We ar content that this our obligatioun be inſert in the bukis of our ſouerane lordis counſale and Parliament To haif the ſtrenth of ane act and decreit thairof reſpectiue With the authoritie of the ſaidis lordis of counſale and Parliament reſpectiue to be interponit therto With executoriallis to be gevin thairupoun To poind and diſtrenȝe ws our airis executouris aſſignayis and ſucceſſouris for payment of the ſaid ſowme And lettres in the four formes To Denunce ws or thame oure ſouerane lordis rebellis in cais of failȝe in the premiſſis And to that effect hes maid conſtitute and ordanit And be the tennour heirof makis conſtitutis and ordanis Maiſteris Dauid Makgill Johnne Scharp Thomas Craig Alexander Sym Clement Littill Richard Strang And ilkane of thame conjunctlie and ſeueralie Oure lauchfull vndoutit procuratouris Gevand grantand and committand to thame and ilkane of thame Oure verie full and plane power expres bidding mandment and charge for ws and in oure names To compeir befoir the ſaidis lordis of counſale and Parliament reſpectiue at ony tyme or place convenient And thair prefent



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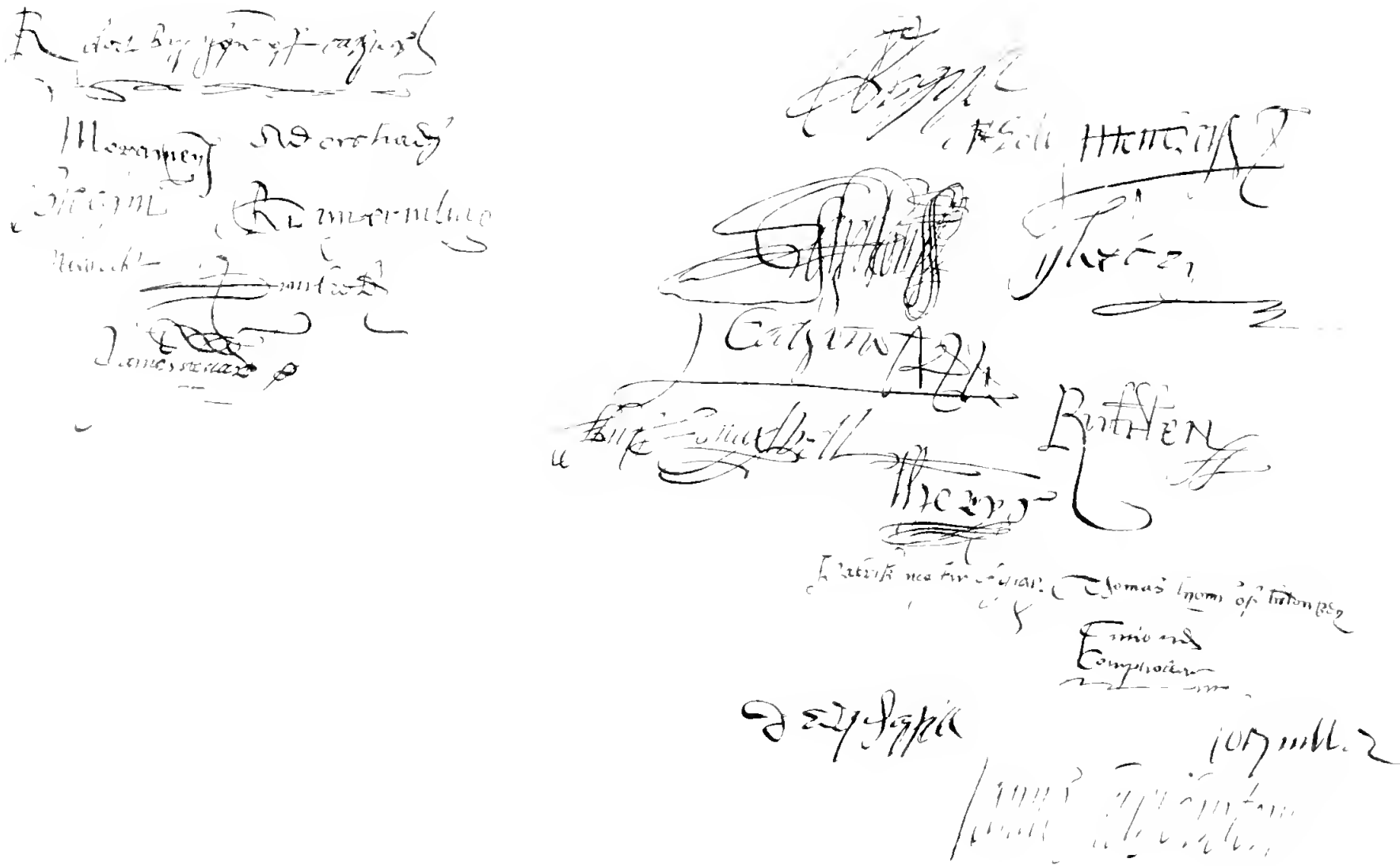

thairto this our preſent obligatioune And conſent and caus the ſame be regiſtrat in the ſaidis bukis of counſall and Parliament reſpectiue To haif the ſtrenth of ane act and decreit thairof With executoriallis to pas thairupoun as is abone ſpecifiit IN WITNES of the quhilk thing We haue ſubſcriuit thir preſentis with our handis At Striueling the laſt day of Marche The ȝeir of God ane thowſand fyve hundrith thre ſcoir auchtene ȝeris ·

ROBERT Byſchope of Cathnes ·
AD · ORCHADEN ·
MORAUIEN ·
BRECHIN ·
NEWBOTIL ·
R · DUNFERMLING ·
J · DUNKELD ·
JAMES STEUART ·
L · HERYS ·
PATRIK meſtir of Gray ·
DRUMQUHASSILL ·
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ATHOLL ·
MONTROIS ·
GLENCARN ·
EGLYNTON ·
CATHENES ·
RUTHVEN ·
JHON L · MAXWELL ·
THOMAS LYOUN of Baldukey ·
TULIBARDIN Comptrollar ·
LOCHINWER ·
JAMES HALYBURTOUN ·

The Kingis Diſcharge gevin to the Erll of Mortoun vpoun the Reſſait of Edinburgh Caſtell ·

105 JAMES be the grace of God King of Scottis TO all and ſindrie quhais knawlege thir oure lettres ſall to cum greting fforſamekle as vpoun the voluntary dimiſſioun of oure richt traiſt couſing James erle of Mortoun Lord of Dalkeith lait regent to ws oure realme and liegis / of the pouer and authoritie of the regiment of oure realme To be vſit and exerceit be oure ſelf in tyme cuming We with auiſe of oure nobilitie and eſtaittis hes exonourit quiteclamit and diſchargeit him of his office and adminiſtratioun of oure realme ſen his acceptatioun thairof And of all ſowmes of money cunȝeit and vncunȝeit All males fermes proffeittis rentis revenues

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JAMES R.

The King to the Laird of Lochleven ·

106 Richt traiſt freynd We greit ȝow weill Having vnderſtand the troublit eſtate of our bordouris Tending alſweill to the danger of the publict peax with England as to the herſchip and oppreſſioune of divers cuntreis latlie weill pleniſſit be our gude ſubiectis And finding the inobedience and inſolence of the thevis and diſorderit perſonis ſic as it behuvis in this ſeaſone of the ȝeir to be ſuppreſſit be force we haue appointit the power of oure gude ſubiectis inhabiting the Inner partis of our realme to repair towardis our bordouris agane the ferd day of November nixt to cum Deſiring ȝow effectuuſly thairfoir that ȝe ſubſtanciouſlie accumpanyit with ȝour kin freindis ſeruandis and haill force ȝe may mak will addres ȝow to be at Jedburgh vpoun the ſaid ferd day of November nixt to cum prouidit for tuentie dayis To attend vpoun our ſeruice at the directione of our Lieutennent that ſalbe ſend thither according to our proclamationis to be maid to that effect As ȝe luff the quietnes and common weill of this ȝour native cuntrie and will do ws acceptable ſeruice Thus We commit ȝow to God AT oure Caſtell of Striuiling the xv day off October 1578 ·

JAMES R ·

To oure Rycht traiſt freind
the Lard of Lochleven ·

The Earl of Morton to the Laird of Lochlevin ·

107 Couſing eftir our hartlie commendatioun / We have intentit actioun of Removing befoir the Lordis of Seſſioun aganis the Lady Lugtoun and the Laird hir ſone to remove fra the manſioun orcheȝaird ȝairdis and aikeris of Lugtoun reſervit in the tak quhilk thai haue eftir the redemptioun / And for ſtaying our proces the Laird of Lugtoun hes producit ane auld

tak ſett be Robert Dowglas of Lochlevin to Sir Patrick Creichtoun of Cranſtounriddell and Katharine Turing his ſpous ther airis and aſſignais of the ſaid manſioun and orchȝaird with the pertinentis ffor all the ſpace that the remanent landis of Lugtoun ſuld be unredemit be vertew of the reverſioun grantit therupoun of befoir And for xix yeiris efter the redemptioun alſwa for the quhilk thai ar oblift in the tak to uphold the ſaid manſioun houſſis and ȝardis and mak reparatioun theron on ther awin expenſſis / quhilk tak is of the dait the laſt of November 1515 ȝeris / Heirintill it is adviſit be our men of law that at the geving of the infeftment of the landis of Lugtoun be the Laird of Lochlevin ȝour fader to Patrick Creichtoun of Lugtoun that laſt deceiſſit quhilk is lang efter the dait of the tak producit all uther wodſettis and conditionis paſt upoun thai landis of befoir hes bene annullit and renuncit ſwa that this thair tak can have na place quhilk wilbe maid manifeſt be inſpectioun of the laſt reverſioun and cancellat evidentis quhilk ȝe reſſavit at the redemptioun Beſide this gif ȝe pleis to accept that condition of thair ſaid tak quher thai ar oblift to uphald and repair the manſe and orchȝaird and perſew for the coiſtis ſkaith and dampnage ȝe have ſuſtenit in the decay therof in ther defalt thair wilbe · · · to pay ȝow a large ſowme of money therfore quhilk ȝe [haue] in ȝour optioun to do / Marie to have this proceſs of · · · ganging fordwart ȝe ſuld luik owt the reverſioun and · · · evidentes foirſaidis with ſik uther · · · · · in ȝour handis as · · · will help the mater and ſend thame heir with a ſervand of ȝour awin to be ſichtit be our procuratouris / quhilk quhen thai have ſervit the turn ſalbe ſent bak agane to ȝow / And quhen We have gotten our intent concerning the removing the actioun upon the ſkaith of the decay of the houſis ſalbe intentit And ſwa We commit ȝow to the protectioun of God At Dalkeith the ſaxt of November 1578 ·

ȝour aſſured guid freind

MORTOUN ·

To our Couſing the Laird of Lochlevin ·

Jene Lyon / relict of Robert Douglas younger of Lochlevin / afterwards Countess of Angus and Lady Spynie to the Laird of Lochleven ·

108 Right honorabil Sire / It wil pleis ȝou I haif reſaueit ȝour letter quhairby I onderſtand of ȝour weilfair quhilk as God knaus I am maiſt glaid to heir of / It is treu that I am warnit be my uncle to reſaue my ſiluer at Mertiſmes nixtocom bot gif he wil keip that appointit day I can not be certain to affûr ȝou Sir that ȝe may lipin for the ſame for I haif euer ſen my father deceiſit bein onder warning / and ſeing I knaw ȝour ado preſently I vald viſh I micht forder the ſam / In lyk maner Sir it ſal pleis ȝou to knaw that it is latin me to onderſtand that ȝe ar myndful to taik the mainis of Auchterhous in ȝour awin hand / gif ſua be I wil lipin Sir that ȝe wil mak me aduertiſment and as it ſal pleis ȝou Sir I am content for I knau ȝour mynd is not to hender me of that quhilk is my auin quhilk I am contentit to haif rather nor Auchterhous quhilk is not ſecurrity to me Alwayis I wil luik for ȝour auin anſuer ſua for the preſent haifing na forder bot to lat ȝou knaw ȝour bairn my ſon is in gud helth prayſit be God my humbil commendations being preſentit I taik my leif committing ȝou in the bliſſit keiping of Almighty God quha mot grant ȝou lang lyf and gud helth Be

ȝour maiſt humill and louing dochter to be commandit

JENE LYON ·

To the right honorabil my louing father
the Lard of Lochlewin ·

George Douglas to the Laird of Lochleven ·

109 Richt honorabill Sir Efter maiſt hartlie commendatioun I haif nocht ben wele at eis quhairthrow I mycht haif trawellit my ſelf / bot hes ſend this berar to ſchaw ȝou that I haif preſentlie ado / and man haif ſiluer ſamekill as ȝe may preſentlie ſpair / owther ane thowſand merkis or aucht

hundreth lib The occaſioun that I am ſa haiſtit is becaus I haif maid a blok with the Theſaurar anent ſum victualis in girnel and vtouth pertenyng to Arbroth And he is to diſpeſche James Murray to Ingland and man haif hard ſilver this nixt Sonday at the farreſt or ellis it will redound to my tynſell Thairfoir I pray ȝow haiſt the berar agayn with the ſamyn and gif ȝe haif to do within ten or tuelf dayis ȝe ſal haif I^co lib or mair as ȝe pleis for I am nocht preſently abill upoun this ſuddan to get ſamekill ſilver as I writ for / I am the mair bald and haymelie / becaus ȝe deſyr me to charge ȝou quhen neceſſite requirit Sua leving to trouble ȝou with langer letter Referris forther to ȝour advertiſment with diligence nocht forgettand my hartly commendationis to my Lady ȝour bedfallow Quha with ȝow God haif in his keping At Striviling the xxvij day of Junij 1579 Be

ȝouris at power

GEORGE DOUGLAS ·

To the richt honorable
the Lard of Louchlevin ·

King Henry III. (of France) to the Laird of Lochleven ·

110 Monſeigneur Lochleuin / Le Seigneur D'aubigny Gentilhomme ordinaire de ma Chambre preſent porteur / Que J'ayme et eſtime pour ſa valleur / M'a faict entendre quil deſiroit Aller en Eſcoſſe pour Aulcuns ſes affaires particulieres / Choſe que Jay eue bien agreable Et luy ayant permis de faire le dit voyaige / Je le veux bien quant et quant accompaigner de ce mot de lettre pour vous prier que le fauouriſiez en ſes dictz affaires aultant quil vous ſera poſſible Comme perſonnaige qui m'eſt ſingulierement Recommandé Suppliant le createur Monſeigneur de Lochleuin quil vous ayt en ſa ſaincte garde · Eſcript A Paris le dernier Jour de Juing 1579 ·

HENRY ·

A Monſeigneur Lochleuin ·

The Earl of Mar to Charles Rutherfurd ·

111 Charles Ruderfuird this is to aduerteiſe ȝow that our couſing the Laird of Lochlevin is departit to the ſouth cuntre in Tewideill ffor ſic biſſines as he hes ado Thairfoir we command ȝow that ȝe warne and chairge our tenentis within the boundis of our barrony of Niſbitt to be in reddines to concur Ryd and travell with him as he ſall mak aduerteiſment to ȝow withoutt all excuſes / evin as gif we wer in the cuntre ourſelf / quhilk ſalbe als acceptable ſeruice as gif our awin perſoun wer thair Sic as ȝe find contrarious or diſobedient in this chairge faile nocht as ȝe will anſuer to ws To mak ws aduerteiſment of thair names · We haue writtin to Johne Ruderfuird in the Know to concur and aſſiſt with ȝow · Sa fair ȝe weill · AT Striuiling Caſtell the xij of Auguſt 1579 ·

MAR ·

To our ſervitoure Chairles Ruderfuird
our officiar in Niſbitt ·

The Earl of Mar to the Laird of Lochleven ·

112 Richt honorable and traiſt couſing efter my hairtie commendatiounes I have appointit upoun the ferd day of Aprile nixt thatt ſum of my ſpeciall freindis ſall convene heir in Striveling to gif me adviſe and conſale in ſum materis I have ado concerning the honour and weill of me and my houſe / quhen ſic occaſionis falles outt I mon In ſpeciall putt ȝou to chairges Thairfore I will requeiſt ȝow effectuoſlie to tak the panis to be heir att me upoun the ſecund or third day that I may communicatt ſic thingis as I have to do wnto ȝow / Nocht doubting bott ȝe will pleſure me in this / as I ſalbe reddie with powar quhen ȝe pleas to chairge me / Sa quhill meting I Remitt all uther thingis

And committis ȝow hairtie to God AT Striviling Caſtell the xxj of Marche 1579 ·

ȝour aſſured gude freind with powar

MAR ·

To the Rycht honorable and my traiſt
cuſinge the Laird of Lochlewin ·

Patrick Archbiſhop of St. Andrews to the Laird of Lochleven ?

113 Pleis your Mr the Laird of Wemes and I hes ane tryſt at Couper the laſt day of Marche befoir none The occaſioun is upoun ane acclamit conſtabularie of the caſtell of Sanctandros be the gud man of Lathokar quhome the Laird of Wemes fortifeis as his freind The euident and ſeaſing quhairupoun thai have retourit I have taikin to improwe befoir the Lordis of Seſſioun Lyk as the ſamin is nocht abill to byd tryall of law / The gentillmen findis it hard to be burdeanit with the forgeing of evidentis And upoun the uther parte I eſteme it hurt and diſhonour to be abuſit in ane office of ſick conſequens quhilk ther predeceſſouris hes nocht bruikit And quhairof I ſe na autentik ground Alwais freindis hes ſatlitt the matter few dayis from law to ſe quhat may follow be meiting of freindis / And becaus ȝour Mr is ane ſpeciall nobill man of quhois gud will and aſſiſtance I haue heirtofoir maid ane ſpeciall and aſſurit accompt quhen I ſould happin to haue ado in my honeſt and leiſum effeiris I wald deſyre maiſt hartlie ȝour Mr preſence at the ſaid day that I mycht have ȝour Mr counſell and aduiſe thairanent as ȝour Maiſterſchip alwais may have me redy at all tymes to do ȝour Mr quhat honour ſtead or pleſure fall ly in my power Nocht doubting bot ȝour Mr will accept this my firſt and hamelie charge in gud parte Committis ȝour Mr to the protectioun of the Almychtie God with my hartlie commendationes to my Lady ȝour bedfallow From Sanctandrois the xxiiij day of Marche 1579 ·

ȝour M / at his power in the Lord

/ P · SANCTANDROS ·

The Earl of Mortoun to the Laird of Lochleven ·

114 Efter my heartie commendatioun / This is to lett ȝow vnderſtand I am writtin for be the kingis Majeſtie to be in Striueling the fourt of Aprile nixt / My purpois is to travell with the King and counſale for the triall of the lait brute that hes paſt vpoun the ſurpriſing of the King · I truſt his hienes for his awin weill ſalbe willing heir-vnto / Thairfore I will hertlie deſire ȝow to be in Striueling the ſaid day That I may haue ȝour aduiſe and concurrence ſafar in that mater as concernes me / gif ony ſic thing be allegeit ȝe ſall find me honeſt in thocht word and deid quheneuir that mater cumis to triall / And thairfore will louke for ȝour counſale and concurrens / Sa I commit ȝow to the protectioune of God AT Abirdour the xxvij day of marche 1580 ·

ȝour aſſured freind

MORTOUN ·

To my traiſt freind and couſing
The lard of Lochleaven ·

King James VI. to the Laird of Lochleven ·

115 Traiſt freind We greit ȝow weill We haue reſoluit be aduiſe of counſale to begin our progres the xxiij of this inſtant to be that nicht in Tullibardin And to extend the ſame ſa far furth as Dynnotter quhair we haue ſett our merche and farreſt tryiſt for this ȝeir Quhairin becaus our cheif intentioun is to be acquentit with the cuntrie and be ſic Jornayis as we may eaſilie deall with to veſie the ſpeciall townis and places be the way We haue therfoir ſend the preſent to lett ȝou be foirſene that ȝe ar of the nowmer And that ȝe may wele luik God willing for our preſence with ȝow in Lochleavin the vij of Julij nixt ther to continew till dennar

on the morne Thus we commit ȝow to God frome our Caſtell of Striuiling the x of Maij 1580 ·

To oure traiſt freind the Laird of Lochleavin · JAMES R ·

The King to the Laird of Lochleven ·

116 Rycht traiſt freind We grete ȝow hartlie weill Forſamekle as it is hevely menit to ws be the young Lady Burley That ſche is very hardly uſit be yow in thingis quhairof hir foirbearis hes bein in lang and peciable poſſeſſioun ſpeciallie of the teyndis ſchaves of the Mainys and haill barony of Burley pendicles and pertinentis therof For quhilk hir reaſonable offeris and gude deid is refuſit at your handis Bot ſeing We have ſa pietijt hir caus That we have reſtorit hir to hir rentis and leving for hir honeſt Intertenyment We will therfore pray yow effectuuſlie to uſe na novatioun toward hir Bot do that favour and courteſſye unto hir as to let hir bruik and poſſeſſe the ſaidis teyndis and ſuffer hir to Intrometwith and diſpone therupoun in tyme cuming als frelie and for pament of the ſame dewtie therfore As hir umquhile fader and predeceſſouris had the ſame of befoir but ony alteratioun or moleſtatioun therin quherthrow we ſall heir na juſt occaſioun of complaint heirin in hir behalf heirefter As ȝe ſall do ws very thankfull pleſure and ſa We commit ȝow to God AT Dunfermling the tent day of Auguſt 1580 ·

Gift by the King to William Douglas of Lochleven of the waird of all landis quhilk pertenit to umquhile Robert erle of Buchan ·

117 Oure Soverane Lord Ordanes ane Letter to be maid under his privie Seale in dew forme To his lovit Williame Dowglas of Lochlevin his airis and aſſignais ane or ma Off the gift of the waird of all landis lordſchippis baroneis ꝛc ꝛc quhilkis pertenit of befoir to umquhile Robert erle of Buchan Lord Ochterhous ꝛc and now throw his deceis being or ſalhappin to be in our ſaid Soverane Lordis handis be reſſoun of waird with all males fermes profeittis and dewties of the ſamin during the tyme of the ſamin waird ꝛc Togidder with the offices of Schirrefffchip and Crownarſchip of Banff ꝛc And als of the gift of the mariage of James Douglas ſone and air of the ſaid umquhile Robert erle of Buchane and failȝeing of him be deceis unmareit the mariage of ony utheris air or airis male or female of the ſaid umquhile erle ꝛc· Subſcrywit be our Soverane Lord At Halyruidhous the tuentie day of September the ȝeir of God I^{m} V^{c} and lxxx ȝeiris And of his hienes Reignne the fourteint ȝeir 1580 ·

JAMES R ·

The firſt charge gevin to the erle of Mortoune to entir in waird in his awin chalmer in Halyrudhous ·

Apud Halierudhous vltimo Decembris Anno Domini I^{m} V^{c} *lxxx^{o}* ·

118 Forſamekle as James erll of Mortoun lord of Dalkeith is ſuſpectit and delaitit in preſens of the Kingis Majeſtie and lordis of ſecreit counſall To haue committit treaſoune Quhairfoir his Majeſtie with awiſe of the ſaidis lordis Ordanis ane maſer or vther officiar of Armis To pas and in his hienes name and auctoritie Command and charge the ſaid James erll of Mortoune To remain and keip waird in the Abbay of Halierudhous in the hous quhairin he preſentlie remanis And on nawis to cum furth of

the ſamin in tyme cuming Ay and quhill he be fred be his Majeſtie vnder the pain of treaſoune / With certificatioune to him and he failȝe he ſalbe reput haldin perſewit and demanit as a tratour and the proces and dome of foirfaltour ſalbe ordourlie led aganis him Conforme to the lawis of this realme and actis of parliament ·

Subſcriuit be our ſoueran lord and the Erllis of Ergile and Lennox ·

The Erle of Mortonis charge to enter in Edinburgh Caſtell &c ·

At Halyruidhous the ſecond day of Januar the yeir of God I^m V^c *lxxx yeiris ·*

119 Forſamekle as James erll of Mortoun lord of Dalkeith / being delaitit and accuſit in preſens of the Kingis Majeſtie and lordis of his ſecrete counſale Off certane poyntes of treſſoun and Leſe Majeſtie wes thairupoun commandit to remane in ward in his ludgeing within his hienes palice of Halyruidhous / And now It is thocht meitt be his Majeſtie and his ſaid ſecrete counſale that the ſaid erll ſall pas and remane in waird within the Caſtell of Edinburgh / And for that caus relevis him of his remaning in ward within his ludgeing in the ſaid palice of Halyruidhous And ordanis ane herauld maſer purſevant or vther officiar of armes To pas and in his Majeſties name and auctoritie command and charge the ſaid James erll of Mortoun To pas and enter his perſoun in ward within the ſaid Caſtell of Edinburgh Thair to remane vpoun his awin expenſis Ay and quhill he be fred and relevit thairfra within the ſpace of ane hour nixt efter he be chargeit thairto vnder the pane of Treſſoune ffor quhais reſſett a Letter and warrand is direct alreddy to the capitane and keparis of the ſaid Caſtell ·

JAMES R ·

E · ERGYLL · LENOX ·

Apud Halyruidhous ſecundo Januarij 1580 ·

Paſt in Counſale ·

Eſmus comes de Lennox
Colinus comes Ergadie cancellarius
Willielmus Dominus Ruthven theſaurarius
Robertus ſeoditarius de Orknay
Robertus commendatarius de Dunfermling ſecretarius
Jacobus commendatarius de Sanctcolmis Inche
Alexander Hay clericus Regiſtri
Mr Robertus Crychton advocatus

Clericus Regiſtri ·

The Earl of Mar to William Douglas of Lochleven ·

Richt honorabill and treſt couſing after my hairtty commendatioun · The preſent is to deſyr 3ow effectuſlie nochtwithſtanding the ſtay of the conventione 3it to keip the apoyntit day tharof in this toune for ſic cauſis as I haif ado quhilkis ar of gret Importance and can nocht tak guid effect without the preſence of my freindis of quhilk number I eſteme 3ow ane of the ſpeciallis and tharfor I vill luik for na excuſe of 3ow at the forſaid day / ſa I commit 3ow to God From Streviling Caſtell the ſecund of marche 1580 ·

Be 3our affurit freind and couſing

MAR ·

To the Richt honorabill and his traiſt freind
Williame Douglas of Lochlevin ·

Act of Caution for William Douglas of Lochleven ·

Apud Halyrudehous penultimo die menſis Marcij Anno Domini I^{m} V^{c} *lxxxj°* ·

121 The quhilk day James Coluile of Eiſter Wemys and George Douglas of Rungawie Become actit and obleiſt coniunctlie and ſeueralie as cautioners and ſouirties for William Douglas of Lochleaven That the ſaid William ſall pas and enter his perſoun in ward begond the wattir of Cromartie betuix and the aucht day of Apryle nixtocum And that he ſall remane and keip ward benorth the ſaid wattir and on nawyſe cum beſowth the ſamyn thairefter Ay and quhill he be fred be oure ſouerane Lord vnder the pane of ten thowſand pundis And als that he be him ſelf his ſonnes men tennentis and ſerwandis ſall behaue thame ſelffis as dewtefull and obedient ſubiectis to his Majeſtie And on nawyſe do nor attempt ony thing to the hurt or prejudice of his hienes his eſtait and auctoritie in the meyntyme vnder the pane foirſaid And the ſaid William Douglas obleiſt him and his aires To releif his ſaidis ſouirteis of the premiſſis and of all pane and danger that thay ſalhappin to ſuſtene thairthrow *Sic ſubſcribitur* James Coluile of Eiſter Wemys / George Douglas / *Extractum de libro actorum ſecreti conſilii S · D · N · Regis per me Joannem Andro deputatum clericum eiuſdem Sub meis ſigno et ſubſcriptione manualibus* ·

JOANNES ANDRO ·

The King to the Laird of Lochleven ·

122 Traiſt freind We greit ȝow weill Giff we had bene preſent with our Counſale quhen your bill wes red We ſould have inſiſtit to haue had ſumquhat of ȝour deſire aggreit unto Alwyis ſeing it is thocht gude be the Lordis that ȝe firſt enter in ȝour ward conforme to thair formar ordinance quhilk we of our ſelf may not with reſſoun alter ȝe ſall thair-

foir ſatiffie thair defire / And upoun knawlege therof to be returnit We ſall hald hand to haue ȝow ſatiffiit to ȝour reſſonabill contentment Thus for the preſent We commit ȝou to God From Halierudhous the laſt day of Marche 1581 ·

JAMES R ·

To our traiſt freind the
Laird of Lochlevin ·

Licence by the King and Privy Council to William Douglas of Lochlevin to tranſport his waird fra the water of Cromartye to the water of Dye ·

123 SOUERANE Lord vnto ȝour Maieſtye and Lordis of ſecreit counſall humlie menis and ſchawis ȝoure grace ſeruitour Williame Dowglas of Lochlevin That quhair it pleſit ȝoure Maieſtie be adviſe of ȝoure hienes ſecreit counſall To ordane me to entir my perſoune in waird be north the watter of Cromartye thair to remane Ay and quhill I wer fred be ȝoure grace be aviſe foirſaid of the ſamyn waird / ffor obeyſance of the quhilk ordinance and charge thairin contenit I with dilligence poſſibill paſt and enterit my perſoune in waird be north the ſaid watter of Cromartye vpoun the ſevint day of Aprile laſt bipaſt within the tyme appointit in ȝoure hienes ordinance with greit difficultye and haſert of my life in watteris be the paſſage throw occaſioune of greit windis and tempeſtis of weddir notourlie knawin And to teſtifye my obedience to your grace and LL / Quhairin I intend be Godis grace to continew to my lyfis end I obtenit teſtimoniall of the famous and gentilmen in the countray of my enterye within the ſaid waird vpoune the ſevint day of aprile / in maner foirſaid As the ſamyn ſubſcriuit be thame heirwith producit at mair lenth proportis And albeit that I for obeyſance of the ſaid ordinance enterit my perſoune in waird benorth the ſaid watter of Cromartye Nocht being delatit for ony cryme bot to obtemper and obey ȝoure

Maieſteis ordinance according to my detfull obedience to ȝoure grace Quhilk watter of Cromartye is far diſtant fra my freindis and guidwillaris and I thairbye debarrit fra all freindſchip and guidwill of thame And conſtranit to remane in the cuntray vncouth to me deſtitute of all my freindis and vnabill to attend vpoun my leſum biſſynes to my greit hurt and ſkaith Oneles ȝoure grace and LL / provide remeid thairof BESEIKING heirfoir ȝoure Maieſtye and LL / To conſidder the premiſſis aricht And to tranſport my ſaid waird fra the ſaid watter of Cromartye to the watter of Dye Quhairthrow that my waird may be benorth the watter of Dye As the ſamyn is now benorth the ſaid watter of Cromartye And becaus during the tyme of my ſaid waird I may nocht attend vpoune the leſum biſſynes pertenyng to me and my bairnes Nather be preſent befoir the Lordis of ſeſſioune to inſiſt in perſuite or defens of ony actioune or caus movit be me or my bairnes or aganis ws It will pleis ȝour Maieſtye and LL / To command the Lordis of ȝour hienes ſeſſioune that na proces be grantit aganis me or my ſaidis bairnis during the tyme of my remanyng in waird And to diſcharge thame of all proceiding thairin and of thair offices in that pairt According to iuſtice And ȝour G / and LL / anſuer maiſt humlie beſeikis &c·

Apud Dalkeyth tercio Maij Anno &c^o^ lxxxj·

Fiat vt petitur for the firſt part of the deſyre of this bill alanerlie with proviſioune that the ſouertie fundin be him of befoir ſtanding oblift for his remaning benorth the watter of Die according to the conditionis contenit in the formar act without ony brek·

JAMES R·

E·ERGYLL· MONTROISS·

The King to the Laird of Lochleven·

RÉX·

124 Traiſt freind We greit ȝow weill Forſamekill as We ar informit be oure louittis ſervitouris Archibald Broky in Downe and Thomas Broky his

ſone in the Baddis That ȝe upoun the gift of the waird gevin be ws to ȝow of the Erledome of Buchan have cauſit warne thame to Remove frome thair rowmes and poſſeſſionis quhairin thay have remanit kyndlie and native tennentis thir mony and divers ȝeiris bygane Committing na cryme nor offence aganis thair maiſteris in tymes paſt Nather ȝit to ȝow ſen ȝour entrie to the erledome of Buchan Paying alſwa thair dewitie and ſervice according to thair aſſedationis Thairfoir ſeing the ſaid gift wes nocht gevin to the wrak of the ſaidis puir tennentis We will ȝow that ȝe upoun ȝour rycht Set thame thair Rowmes and poſſeſſionis for thair maillis and dewiteis quhairin thay have bein in poſſeſſioun for payment of thair dewitie contenit in thair auld rentall / and quhilk thay payit to umquhile Robert Dowglas laſt Erle of Buchane And that ȝe Remove thame nocht fra thair kyndlie poſſeſſionis and rowmes As ȝe will We did ȝow kyndnes and pleſure In tymes cuming And that this berar report ȝour anſuer in writ to ws quhat ȝe will do heirin Subſcrivit with oure hand At Dalkeith the auchtene day of Maij and of our Regnne the fourtene ȝeir 1581 ·

JAMES R ·

To our traiſt freind
The Laird of Lochlevin ·

The King to the Laird of Lochleven ·

Traiſt freind We greit ȝow weill / Upoun occaſioun of our uther letter direct to ȝow anent the waird of our louit Abraham Stewart of Monbletoun becum in ȝour courteſie be the Erle of Buchanis waird We underſtand ther is ſum variance and queſtioun fallin out betwix the ȝoung man and his mother he mynding thairby to prejuge and diſpoſſeſſe her of her lyfferent thairof to her utter wrak and herſhip Quherupoun We have thocht gude to deſire ȝow be the preſent gif ȝe have ſtill into ȝour hand that quhilk we requyrit ȝow in his favouris of before That in the diſpo-

ſition thairof to the ſaid Abraham ȝe Interpone ȝow to his ſaid intentioun and unkyndlie meanyng to his mother and be ſome gude and effectuell proviſion to let his richt thairof contene a reſervation of her lyfferent / as conſcience and equitie appearis to crave That for her tyme ſcho be not troublit further nor reaſoun can allow as ȝe will do ws pleaſure and gude ſervice Thus we commit ȝow to God At Dalkeith the xxiij day of Julij 1581 ·

JAMES R ·

To our traiſt freind the
Laird of Lochlevin ·

Licence by the King and Privy Council to William Douglas of Lochleven to repair hame ·

126 SOVERANE LORD Vnto ȝour Maieſtie and lordis of ȝour hienes ſecreit counſale humlie menis and ſchawis ȝour G / and LL / ſervitour William Dowglas of Lochlevin That quhair for obeyſance of your G / charge gevin be adviſe of ȝour hienes ſecreit counſale Commanding and chargeing me to pas and entir my perſone in waird be north the watter of Crommartie / I with diligence poſſibill to the great haſart of my lyf paſt and enterit my perſone in waird be north the ſaid watter of Crommartie Quhair I remanit in waird ay and quhill it pleaſit ȝour Maieſtie be adviſe foirſaid To tranſporte my ſaid waird fra be north the ſaid watter of Crommartie To the watter of Die / Be north the quhilk I haif remanit continuallie ſenſyne and tharby debarrit and ſecludit fra all acces to my wyiff bairnis and famelie To my great diſpleſure damnage and ſkaith without ȝour G / and LL / provyde remeid therto / Befeiking heirfoir ȝour Maieſtie and LL / To conſidder the premiſſis aricht and that I may haiff my waird tranſportit fra be north the ſaid watter of Die to the watter of forth Swa that I may remane benorth the ſaid watter of forth quhair I pleis In that ſame eſtait and vnder the

lyk cautioun as I remanit of befor Be north the ſaidis watteris of Crommartie and Die / and that I nor my cautioneris Incur na danger for my removing fra be north the ſaid watter of Die to the foirſaid watter of Forth and ȝour G / and LL / anſuer maiſt humlie beſeikis according to Juſtice ·

Apud Halyruidhous quinto Decembris Anno ꝛc° *lxxxj°* ·

The Kingis Maieſtie with auiſe of the lordis of ſecreit counſall frethis and relevis Williame Dowglas of Lochlevin within writtin furth of his preſent ward And grantis him licence and libertie to repair hame to his awin Dwelling hous Or vtherwayis in quhatſumeuir part of this realme in tyme cuming at his pleaſur · And ordanis the act maid anent his remaining in the ſaid ward to be deleit furth of the bukis of ſecreit counſall quhairthrow the ſame haue na farder force nor effect in tyme cuming The cautionaris contenit therin being alwayis anſuerabill for ony thing done in tyme bigane aganis the tennour of the ſamyn ·

JAMES R ·

CRAUFURD · MONTROISS ·

The King to the Laird of Lochleven ·

127 Traiſt freind We greit ȝow weill The greit and extreme neceſſitie quhilk our lovit James Stewart ſonne lawfull to umquhile Johnne erle of Buchane ſuſtenis at this tyme in all thingis pertening to ane honeſt mannis eſtate and rank hes movit ws to pitie extraordinarelie his eſtate the mair quhen we conſidder how and in quhat degrie he pertenis to that houſe quhairof ȝe now Injoye the leving be the waird thairof diſponit to ȝow and that very conſcience wald allowe ſome reaſonable portioun and part thairof upon him be the relief of his neceſſitie / For ws / albeit we could wouchſauffe to helpe him with ſome caſualitie gif that his hap war

to be the firſt aduertiſer ȝit nather can the hope thairof ſupplie his preſent neid nor haue we utherwayſe in hand that may releve him as we wald / For that cauſe We are movit to have recours to ȝow / quhill we provyde ſome helpe / and will deſyre ȝow very earniſtlie to let him haue ſome reſonable pairt of that waird quhilk ȝe Injoye to leve upon ather induring the tyme thairof or quhill that ſome occaſioun fall out into our handis that may ſatiſfie and ſerve his turne / And in the meane tyme to let him be ſuppleit with ſome preſent ſowme of money to helpe him to his honeſt neceſſaires quhairof it is unſemelie to ſie him diſappointit being deſcendit of that race quhairin beſydes the dewty of gude conſcience ȝe ſall affeuredly do ws richt acceptable and gude pleaſure Swa leaving him to ȝour courteſie and gude diſcretioun We committ ȝow to God From Dalkeith this xij of Junij 1582 ·

JAMES R ·

To our traiſt freind the
Laird of Lochlevin ·

The King to the Laird of Lochleven ·

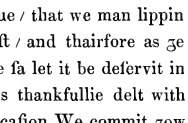
128 Traiſt freind We greit ȝow weill Being informit of the great extremitie intendit be ȝow as donatour to the waird of the erledom of Buchane aganis our lovit Henry Mowtray in the removing of him from the landis of Fetterlether and Lethindie quhairof he allegis him baith auld and kyndlie poſſeſſour and takkiſman for termes to ryn / We have thocht gude to Interpone ws this farre to ȝour proceading aganis him as to deſire ȝow / Seing his rycht and title foreſaid / and that his takkis man alwayis lycht upon the air quhen as he cummis to perfyte age That for our cauſe and for the kyndlie love ȝe awe and bearis / baith to the bairne and houſe ȝe will ſuffer him peceablie to ryn out the termes reſtand of his tak and title foirſaid without any trouble or interruptioun ather be law or beſydis it / as ȝe ſall haue ws ready to conſidder it als farre to

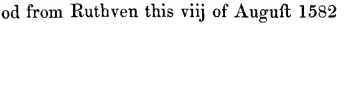
your advantage and commoditie ſome uther way / Swa Luiking for ſome gude effect heirof We commit ȝow to God From Ruthven this v of Auguſt 1582 ·

To our traiſt freind the
Laird of Lochleavin ·

The King to the Laird of Lochleven ·

129 Richt traiſt freind We greit ȝow weill Underſtanding the litill effect quhilk our former letter direct to ȝow in favouris of our lovit Henry Mowtray hes tane with ȝow / farre within our expectatioun of ſa raiſonable a ſute We are movit to renewe the ſame unto ȝow be the preſent Requyring ȝow affectuouſlie ſeing the mater is ſa meane and that ȝe have the haill be our favour and benevolence That for our cauſe ȝe will conſent to let ws haue our pleaſour and deſyr obeyit in that behalf The difference that ſtandis betwix ȝow is of ſa litill value / that we man lippin ȝe will never enter it in balance with our requeiſt / and thairfore as ȝe wald have us the lyke favourable in ȝour nixt ſute ſa let it be deſervit in this / Seing that utherwayſe we can not think ws thankfullie delt with But truſting ȝe wilbe layth to give ws any ſic occaſion We commit ȝow to God from Ruthven this viij of Auguſt 1582 ·





To our traiſt freind the
Laird of Lochleavin ·

Licence by the King and Privy Council to William Douglas of Lochleven and his ſpouſe &c to eat fleſche during Lentron ·

130 We be the tennour heiroff with auiſe of the Lordis of our privie counſall grantis and gevis licence To our lovit William Douglas of Lochlevin his ſpous and perſonis in thair cumpanie To eit fleſche ſa oft as thay pleis during this forbiddin tyme of Lentrone viz fra the xvij day of Februar inſtant unto the laſt day of Marche nixtocum without ony cryme ſkaith perrell or danger therthrow to be incurit be thame in thair perſones landes or guidis Notwithſtanding ony our actis ſtatutis letters proclamationes or chargis generall or ſpeciall maid or to be maid in the contrar Aneut the quhilkis and panis thairin contenit We diſpens for euir be thir preſentis Gevin under our Signet and ſubſcrivit with our hand AT Halyrudhous the xiij day of Februar and of our Regnne the ſaxtene ȝeir 1582 ·

JAMES R ·

A · CAMBUSKYNNETH · CULROS ·

John Lindſay of Covington to the Laird of Lochleven ·

131 Rycht honorable Sir efter my hartlie commendatioun / It is not vnknawin vnto ȝow of the gret truble and warding of my awin perſoun in the caſtell of Edinburch this certane tyme bygaine / vpone ane fals and vntrew report maid of me to the Kingis Majeſtie and his counſell be Mr Jhone Scharp / allegand that I / or at the leiſt ſuld have cauſit burne certane corne of his · Quhairvpone I have ſuſtenit ward this ſex oulkis bygane / and can have na releif nether ȝit dayis affignit to me to try my innocencie / And in reſpect heirof / my Lord of Anguis hes travellit withe the ſaid Mr Jhone Scharp / and hes apoynted the mater betuix me and him / as ȝe may perſave be this obligatioun · The quhilk I will hartlie deſyr ȝow to ſubſcrywe / becaus it is my Lordis mynd and counſell / that ſua ſuld be · As I beleve / his Lordſhip will vrett to ȝow / to the ſame effect ·

It wer over tedious to vrett to ȝow the vncourteous and vnreaſonable dealing hes bene vſit towardis me ſen our laſt departing / quhilk I will continew to our meting quhilk ſalbe quhen pleſis God / quha for the preſent mot have ȝow in his bliſſit keping From Edinburgh caſtell the fyft of Junij 1583 ·

Your aſſurit gude freind at power

JHONE LYNDSAY of Covintoun ·

To the rycht honorable and his ſpeciall gude freind
the Laird of Lochlewin Delyuer this ·

The Earl of Angus to the Laird of Lochleven ·

132 Couſing eftir my verie hertly commendatiounes Eftir langſum travell in this mater betuix the Laird of Coventoun and Mr Johnne Scharp It is agreit upon that the Laird of Coventoun ſall ſubſcryve ane obligatioun for Mr Johns ſuretie And becaus it will nocht ſerwe with his ſubſcriptioun only except I and certane uther freyndis as cautioneres for him ſubſcryve it also It is thocht gud that amang uthers ȝe ſuld be ane And thairfore I hawe ſend ȝow the obligatioun to be adviſit with Praying ȝow to ſubſcryve the ſam and ſend it bak agane with diligence / for it will furder the gentlemannis tryell wery mekle And his abyding in the caſtell hes bene bayth trubleſum and coiſtly to him / this tyme bygane I hoip ȝe ſall nocht be mekle trublit heirefter with this mater For the gentleman is willing to tak up all materis with Mr Johnne be the aduyſe of freyndis Sua for the preſent I commit ȝow to God AT Edinburgh the ſext of Junij 1583 ·

ȝour aſſurit guid freind

ANGUS ·

ȝe may the better ſubſcriue the band for I and the Laird of Covingtoun ſalbe ȝour releife ·

To our traiſt freynd and couſing
the Laird of Lochlewin ·

George Douglas to his brother the Laird of Lochleven ·

133 Rycht honorabill Sir and broder eftir my hartle commendation off ſeruice being reddy to ſchip towartis the portis off France I thoweht off my devty I could do no leſs ſence be my preſence I mycht nocht weſe 3ow be thir few lynis to lat 3ow wnderſtand the broderly affection I bair vnto 3ow and lykevys to 3owr hows quhowbeit that at this preſent I may do litill in reſpect as materis ſtandis 3itt ſhall I omitt ne guid officeis quhair evir the occation may offer and my powar may extend at my lewe taking off his Ma / my only ſuit off benifet wes that 3e nor 3our hows ſuild reſave ne wrang be the information off 3our enimis firſt in reſpect off 3our ſeruice don wnto his Ma / and continualy ſence hes rameth conſtant and obedient as be 3owr ward 3e haue giuen ane guid prwffe his anſuer was that ne perſuaſion ſuld move him in the contrar and for aſſurance gave me his Ma / hand in preſence off Michell Elphiſtoun quhom preſently he commandit that in all 3owr adois he ſuld mak him forſein ſua broder We man len on to his Ma / promis 3e haue hard be the laird off Cleiſche quhow 3e ar relevit off the denger 3e micht haue incowrrit be 3owr obligations maid to me Lord off Morton for that was havand him be my Lord off Bowchan I haue reſavit the thowſand merkis that wes lyen in Hew Todis handis and now in my abſence betwix this and mertymes I wald 3e towik ſic order that the othir thre thowſandis merkis mycht be paied becauſe I haue meid vairning for the redemption off five thowſand off Rowingally thir iij thowſandis being payett 3e ſhall haue diſchairge off all may be ſocht be 3owr obligations ſaiff that that reſtis in the hows off Howntlys handis and alls 3e will ſe ſik order tane off that that may apperten me to meld wyth be office off towtry as 3e think maiſt propir for all thir affectis I haue left ampll procowration to my ſerwand Jon Dowglas to mell intermet and giue diſchairges as neſeſarly ſhalbe requyrit provyding alvayis that ne thing be done by advyce and conſent off my bed falow As for nevis I can vreit nen the laird of Cleiſche will lat

ȝow mair amply vnderſtand my mining in all materis at ȝowr mittingis I ſhall do guid well to haiſt me hem wyth ſick diligence as my affairis may permitt My lord off Lenox hes promiſt fair to be ne enemy euer to owr hows tym will try Sua broder levan preſently forder to trowbill ȝow committis ȝow in Godis protexion From Sanctandrus the xxviij off Junij

ȝowr broder at powar to do ȝow ſeruice

GEORGE DOUGLAS ·

To the rycht honorabill and his broder
the Laird off Lochleving ·

Proclamatioun that nane move or provoke trouble unquietnes or ſeditioun amangis his Majeſteis ſubjectis ·

At Perth the penult day of Julij the yeir of God I^{m} V^{c} *lxxxiij yeiris* ·

134 The Kingis Majeſtie vnderſtanding of the practizes and buſſie trauellis of ſome of his vnnaturall and diſorderit ſubiectis quhilkis be miſconſtruing and miſreporting be word and wrait of his hienes awne gude mynd and proceidingis / ſtudyis continuallie to interteny factionis and vnquietnes within this realme / The rather to ſtay the ordinar cours of Juſtice and to eſchew the pvniſchment of thair awin evill deſeruingis to obuiat and reſiſt the effectis of quhilkis wickit ſpeiches and trauellis And to reſolue and ſatiſfie all his loving and gude ſubiectis ſo that peradventure / ſtandis ȝit doubtfull of the trewthe of his hienes meaning and doingis His Majeſtie be aduiſe of the lordis of his previe counſale / hes thocht expedient to notifie and publiſhe to the warld Specially to all his awin loving and gude ſubiectis / the trewth of his verie mynd and lyking twetching hie eſtate this ȝeir bygane / and of his preſent conditioun Declairing heirby that ſafone as he fand him ſelf cum to the ſevintene ȝeir of his age / and remembrit the troblit eſtate of his realme throw the frequent troubles and alterationis occurrit in his ȝoung aige in tyme bypaſt (alwayis to his ſkaithe and preiudice) Bot ſpecialie be that quhilk fell out

the last ȝear / ſa far to his offence and to the miſlyking of his mynd Albeit for publict quietnes ſaik / he moderatlie bure with that fait and all that ſuccedit theron / he had it alwayes in thocht ſa ſone as God ſould offer proper tyme and occaſioun to tak vnto himſelf his awin place and ſtate to ſhaw him a king indifferent to all his nobilite and gude ſubiectis And not to be led or caried away be ony ſpeciall ſurnames and rates or be particuler men in ony degrie to the preiudice of that commoun acces quhilk all gude ſubiectis acht to haue to their ſouerane Lord and King And thairfoir of his awin propir motiue vpoun the xxvj of Junij laſt tuik purpois to pas from Falkland to the Citie of Sanctandrois quher repoſing in ſuirtie to the conveining of a gude nowmer of the principallis of his nobilitie / notifiit vnto thame at their cumming / the effect of his proceidingis and intentioun / permitting and licencing vtheris not writtin for to pas hame quhill his Majeſtie be adviſe of ſic choſin perſonis of counſale as he electit to tary with him ſould deliberat further in all thingis neidfull Concerning the ſuirtie of his perſoun and conſeruatioun of the publict quietnes of the cuntrey quherintill his hienes hes occupiit him ſelf cheiflie ſenſyne / Intending with Goddis grace to governe his realme and ſubiectis heirefter in peax and iuſtice / and in the profeſſioun of Goddis trew religioun publictlie preitchit and be law eſtabliſhit in the ſame vnſeiking the hurt or rwyne of quhatſumeuir his ſubjectis In reſpect of ony ther lait bygane offence / that ſall tymouſlie acknawledge the ſame with penitent hartis and crave his Majeſteis forgivenes therfore / quhilk he is willing to grant wnto thame / And be thir preſentis promiſſis ſa to do / They nawayis prouoking him be ony ther new vnlawfull and vnquyet doingis to remember on ther former tranſgreſſionis And vncalling to mynd ony factionis that hes bene in his hienes minoritie / quhilkis his Majeſtie hes and will haue buriit in obliuioun / As he willis the lyk to be amangis his haill ſubiectis euerie ane to vther without ony querrell or queſtioun for ony thing that hes happinit or fallin out amangis thame in tyme bygane / without caſting vp or querrelling vtheris for this or that factioun / As his Majeſtie hes gevin gude pruif of his clemency and fauour to ſome alreddy

And that letters be direct for publicatioun heirof at the mercat croces of the heid burrowes of this realme and vtheris placis neidfull / That nane pretend ignorance of the ſame Commanding and chargeing all and findrie his hienes lieges / To contene thame ſelffis in quietnes vnder Goddis feir and his Majeſties lawfull obedience / And that nane of thame tak vpoun hand to move or prouoke trouble vnquietnes or ſeditioun amangis his ſubiectis / be word or deid or to ſhawe thame the authoris and inſtrumentis of alterationis and novelteis / Tending to the diſturbing of his eſtate As they will anſuer vpoun their alleageance at their hicheſt charge and perrell / And vnder pane of incurring his hienes indignatioun and diſpleaſure gif they ſall attempt ony thing in the contrare ·

Order to the Keepers of the Caſtle of Inverneſs to receive John Leſlie of Buchquhane and others in waird ·

REX ·

135 Capitane conſtabill and keiparis off our caſtell of Innerneſs We grete ȝow weill IT is oure will and We command ȝow that incontinent eftir the ſicht heirof ȝe reſaue Johnne Leſlie off Buchquhane Androw Monro of Newmoir and William Dowglas of Lochlewin in ward within our ſaid caſtell / And appoint ſax perſonis to ilk ane off thame ffor their keiparis Thairin to remane all vpoun their expenſſis during oure will and quhill thei be fred be ws with auiſe of oure counſalle As ȝe will anſuer to ws keipand thir preſentis for ȝour warrand / Subſcriuitt with oure hand AT Falkland the xxvij day of Auguſt and of oure regnne the ſewintene ȝeir 1583 ·

Chriſtian Douglas to her mother the Lady Lochleven ·

136 It will pleis ȝour L / to wit that I have ſpokin with my Lord anent the purpois ȝour L / knawis And he hes affurit me that thair is nathing menit

be him bot to performe the offeris that wes maid to the hous of Traquhair I defyrit his L / to put the ſame in wrett utherwyſe I culd nocht defyr na honeſt gentle man to trawell in that purpois except I wer ſwir of his L / mynd / His anſwer wes to me that it wes nocht neidfull to him to put thame in wreit He defyrit me to ſchaw ȝour L / that the Kingis grace being in Sanct Johneſtoun laſt with the aduyſe of Mr William Oliphant the Lard of Balthyok and the gud man of Melginche that his offeris wes preſent to Sir Robert Melwyn and he ſchew the ſame offeris to Williame Stewart of Traquhair quha thocht thame reſonable And wald on na wyſe refuſe the ſame Bot at that preſent he wald gif na anſuer Saying that he wald aduyſe with uther freindis / My Lord aſſuris me that ather Sir Robert Melwyn or thane Mr Williame Oliphant hes the ſame offeris quhilk he is myndit to performe gif the hous of Traquhair will accept the ſame He ſayis that ther is nathing that Mr William Oliphant will defyre him to do in that purpois bot he will ſtand content thairwith My Lord allegis ane promeis of Sir Robert Melwyn quhilk I am ſure he will keip quhilk promeis I ſall ſchaw ȝour L / at meitting or than with the nixt that cumis betwene Having na forther occaſioun at this tyme Committis ȝour L / to God From Duplin the fourt of November 1583 Be

ȝour dochter at command

CRISTANE DOUGLAS ·

To the Rycht honorable and hir weilbelovit Mother
The Lady Lochlevin ·

Gift of the eſcheit of William Douglas of Lochleven to the Lady Lochleven ·

137 BE It Kend till all men be thir preſent letters We Patrik be the mercie of God Archbiſchope of Sanctandros and Lord of the Regalitie thairof To have gevin grantit and diſponit to our lowit Agnes Leſlie Lady of Lochlewine hir airis and aſſignais ane or ma The eſcheit of all and

haill the guidis and geir tackis actis rowmis poſſeſſiounis Jowellis gold and ſilver cunzeit and oncunzeit cornes &c of the landis of Bannettill and Baggedie lyand within the ſcherefdom of Fyff &c Quhilkis pertenit befoir to William Douglas of Lochlewine and now pertening to ws and becumit in our handis be raiſſoun of eſcheit throw being of the ſaid William ordourlie denuncit our Soverane Lordis Rebell and putt to his hienes horne upon the day of the zeir of God I^m V^c fourſcoir thrie zeires for diſſobeing our ſowerane Lordis charge gevin vnto him and nocht entering himſelf in waird in the caſtell of Inverneſs &c &c In witnes of the quhilk to thir preſentis ſubſcrywit with our hand our ſeill is affixit AT the day of the zeir of God I^m V^c fourſcoir three zeiris before thir witneſſes Mr Jhon Arthour advocat Walter Cokburn and James Arthour our ſervitouris with utheris divers ·

PATRIK biſchop of Sanctandros ·

Obligation by William Douglas of Lochleven to Thomas Ogilvy ·

138 I William Douglas of Lochlevin be this preſent Obliſs me my airis executouris and aſſignais to pay and redeliuer to Thomas Ogiluy brother to the Laird of Innerquharitie and burges of Dundy the ſoume of ſevin hundreth fyftie pundis ſcottis mony betuix the dait heirof and Midſomer nixt quhilk ſowm I reſſauit fra the ſaid Thomas in french mony in the Rochelle To wit nyne hundreth frankis / and the ſaid Thomas to reſſave for ilk croun / fyfty ſchillingis ſcottis mony quhilk will extend to the ſowme abone writtin In witnes quherof I hawe ſubſcrivit this preſent obligatioun with my hand AT the Rochelle the 23 day of Maij the zeir of God I^m V^c fourſcoir fyve zeiris Befoir thir witneſſis James Blyth burges of Dundy and Henrie Douglas my ſeruand ·

VILLIAME DOUGLAS of Lochleuin ·

The Laird of Lochleven to his Lady ·

139 Beſt belowit efter maiſt hairtlie commendatioun This preſent ſall adverties ȝou that at the wretting heirof I am in guid health prayſit be God And deſyris the lyk of yow And all my bairnis freindis and ſeruandis that ar on lyve As towart the eſtait of this cuntrey The King of France hes renuncit in the Parliament of Paris all appoyntments and pacificatioun maid at ony tyme in favouris of the Religioun reformit in this cuntrey And hes commandit be his edict that all Miniſters avoyd thame ſelffis out of this cuntrey within ane moneth wndir the paine of death And the nobill and gentill men within ſex monethis to the effect thay may ſell thair landis and guidis / and thairefter pas out of the cuntrey God knawis gif that ſalbe kepit to thame gif thay will depend thairon for this laſt waire maid againſt thame of the Legie / be the King of France Is thocht als great ane falſet as the Maſſacre of Paris Inreſpect that how ſone bayth thair armeis wer liftit thai agreit all in ane contrair to the Kingis edict diuerſe tymes ſet furth be oppin proclamatioun in the contrair that he menit na thing bot to keip the peace / Swa he / and thay of the Papis Legie thinkis to exterminat the word of God out of this cuntrey and all partis of Europe gif God permit thame / quhilk I traiſt in his guidnes he will nocht bot will diſappoynt all thair interpryſis althocht to the warld thay mak thame nevir ſwa apperand In reſpect the great treſſoun Is aganis his kirk / quhilk he will preſerve as the Appill of his Ee / and confound all his ennemeis This with my hartlie commendatioun to all my bairnis freindis and ſervandis Committis you and thame to the protectioun of the Almychtye AT the Rochelle the nynt day of Auguſt 1585 ·

I wret to ȝow the anſuer of Gilbert Lambis letter with him ſelff and lykwayis the anſuer of Andersonis letter and the anſuer of the Manis of Kingorne / bot I reſſavit na uther lettre fra nane of Leith I

reſſavit your laſt letter out of ane ſchip of Pittinveme As to the anſuer therof I wreit with Gilbert Lamb concerning my brother ſonis effairis And as toward that that concernis myſelff or my hous I refer the ſame till I heare off the deliverance of my guid dochter And thairefter ſall do the beſt / with Goddis grace / I dout nocht bot ȝe haue agreit with ſum man to furneis me / I wreitt to ȝow with James Wrquhart ſervant to the Priour of Pluſgardene / that Incaice he come heir befoir Thomas Ogilvy to ſend with him gif It wer bot ane hundreth crownis for I am neir ane end of the ſilver that I had alreddy / ther cum ane man off Dunde to this toun that declarit my gud dochter ſuld be lichter of ane lad bot be reſſoun I reſavit na wretting fra ȝou nor fra na uther theroff I am In doubt giff the ſam be off veratie Giff the ſamin be lat us thank God off that benefeit amangis the reſt always his name be bleſit The peſt is weray grait in this toun preſentlie God ſend better quhen he pleſis ·

Ȝours only

To his beſt belouit
the Lady Lochlevin ·

The King to the Lady of Lochleven ·

140 Traiſt freind We greit ȝow weill / having neceſſarlie ado with palȝionis to oure awne propir vſe at oure oiſt and armey ſhortelie to pas God willing to the weſt marche of our realme for repreſſing of the inſolent rebellioun and diſordour that ſalang hes continewit thair to our grite

contempt / and the ſchortnes of the tyme not ſerving that new palȝeonis may be maid reddy to oure ſelff we haue thocht gude to burdyne ȝow That we may haue the vſe of ȝouris during this veiage And in that reſpect is contentit to ſpair the perſonall ſeruice of the men tennentis and ſeruandis of the Laird ȝour huſband duelland on his propir landis Except ſik horſſis and men as ſall cary the palȝeonis and twenty ma Careage horſſis for oure awne vſe / Deſiring ȝow therfoir effectuuſlie That ȝe faill nocht to haue the ſaid palȝeoun ſufficientlie orderit with cordis pynnis and all vther furnitour belangand thairto Togidder with the ſaid vther twenty gude and hable Cariage horſſis and thair graithe for reſſaving and beiring of Cadgeattis or barrellis and with euerie horſe a ſufficient able Careage man with knapſcall and Lance ſtaff prouidit alſua with victuallis for thame ſelffis during the tyme of our proclamatioun quhais ſeruice in that ordour ſall ſtand and be ſufficient for the Laird ȝour huſbandis haill tennentis and ſeruandis quhom We licence and permitt ȝow to ſtent to the effect foirſaid / ffor quhilk this our Letter ſalbe a ſufficient warrand as gif thay had ſeruit in propir perſonis / Thus We committ ȝow to God AT Sterling the xxij day of October 1585 ·

JAMES R ·

To our traiſt freind the
Lady of Lochlevin ·

To be in Stirling the xxix or penult day of October inſtant ·

Licence by the King and Privy Council to James Commendator of Melros and others to abide at hame fra all oiſtis &c ·

REX ·

141 WE and the Lordis of our Secreit Counſale being informit of the greit ſeiknes and inhabelitie of our louittis James Commendatar of Melros Henrie Chaip in Mawhill Alexander Steidmane in Kinros Patrik Howburne in Tulleboill Robert Douglas in Drumgarland Robert Douglas in Annecroche Robert Craufurde in Powmylne Henrie Craufurde his

ſone Henrie Douglas in Mukert mylne Johnne Douglas in Kenneſtoun Gavane Douglas in Bowbedy Laurence Dempſtertoun in Kinrois Mr Peter Quhyte in Portmok Thomas Craufurde in Claſchlokie Gabriell Merſer in Cleiſhe George Kinloich ther Johne Schaw in Lathangy and quha ar all wexit with the ſeiknes of the gute gravell and uther infirmiteis / Swa that thai ar not hable to trawell nor cume to our oiſt and armie appointit to convene the penult of October inſtant or on the thrid of November nixt to cume Thairfore and for diuerſe cauſis and conſideratiounis moving ws to haif licencet and be the tennour of thir preſentis with aviſe of the Lordis of our Secreit Counſale licences and gevis frie liberte to all the ſaidis perſonis to abide and remaine at hame fra our ſaidis oiſt and armie notwithſtanding quhatſumevir proclamationis actis or ordinances maid or to be maid or direct in the contrare Anent the quhilkis and all penalteis that may follow therupoun We be thir preſentis diſpenſis with thame theranent for ever Attour We be the tennour of thir preſentis diſchargeis our Theſaurer Advocat Leutennentis Crowneris Juſtice Generall and his deputtis and all utheris our officiaris and Miniſteris of our lawis Of all calling accuſing atteiching arreiſting wnlawing or poinding of the ſaidis perſonis or ony of thame for the ſamyn and of ther offices in that part for euer Subſcriuit with our hand and gevin under our ſignet AT Striuiling the xxix day of October 1585 and of our Regnne the nyntene ȝeir ·

JAMES R ·

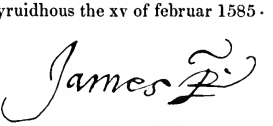
THYRLSTANE M^R OF GRAY ·

Licence by the King to Lady Lochleven to eat fleſche in Lentroun ·

REX ·

142 WE be the tennour heirof gevis and grantis licence to Agnes Dowglas Ladie Lochlevin and perſonis with hir in cumpany To eit fleſche during this forbiddin tyme of Lentroun And vpoun ſwoddinſdayis frydayis and ſetterdayis during hir lyfetyme ffor the quhilkis ſcho ſall incure na danger nor pane Notwithſtanding quhatſumevir our proclamatiounis maid

or to be maid in the contrar Anentis the quhilkis We diſpens be thir preſentis Subſcriuit with our hand AT Halyruidhous the xv of februar 1585 ·

THYRLSTANE · 

The Laird of Lochleven to John Lawrie burgeſs of Edinburgh ·

143 Traiſt freynd eftir maiſt hartlie commendation this preſend is to deſyre ȝow that ȝe wilbe ſa gud as to len Mr James off Carmichell the ſum of tuyntie foure pundis ſterlin and In caice ȝe be nocht content of the ſuirtie that he may mack ȝow I wilbe cautioun and dettour for him to ȝow for the forſaid ſum ȝe reſawand his obligatioun and wrett apoun the reſait of the ſamin quhilk doand ȝe will do me ane pleſour this committis to God At Londoun the fourt day of Aprile 1586 ·

ȝour frynd at his pouar

LOCHLEUIN ·

To his treſt freind
John Lawrie burgeſs of Edinburgh ·

John Boſwall of Balmuto to the Laird of Lochleven ·

144 Rycht honorabill Sir and eme / efter maiſt hertlie recommendatioun It may pleis ȝow to witt that I reſſaivit ȝour letter upoun Monunday at evin and hes conſidderit the ſamyn My freindis and I findis that the ſubſcriving of the blank as it is formit and namelie the concluſioun thairof makis ane equalitie baithe of rycht and poſſeſſioun betuix the Lard of Weſter Wemeis and me to the Loche / the quhilk nather my freindis nor I ar myndit to aggre unto ſa lang as I leive / and that in reſpect that the Lard of Wemeis rycht and poſſeſſioun that he pretendis is na thing lyk unto myne / the quhilk at lenthe ſalbe knawin be Goddis grace nocht to his

contentment / nor ȝit to thairis that will fortefye him into that wrangous actioun / I declarit in the end of my laſt letter the fartheſt that I culd do anent the ſubſcriving of ane blank / bot for this gif I wer myndit to ſubſcrive it for ony freind that I haive I ſuld do it for ȝou · Deſyring ȝow Sir maiſt effectuouſlie nocht to think of me bot that I will and ſall do mair for ȝow nor the Lard of Weſter Wemeis will or dar do to witt I will and dar refer my lyfe and landis and all the reſt that I haive to ȝow quhen occaſioun ſall ſerve and ſall haſard the ſamyn in defence of ȝow and ȝour houſe quherof ȝe ſall haive experience quhen it ſall pleis ȝow to command as knawis the Almychtie God quha mot preſerve ȝow Sir for now and ever AT Balmwtow the penult of Auguſt 1586 ·

Ȝour affurit and obedient eme at command

JHONE BOSSUALL of Balmouto ·

To the Rycht honorabill and his maiſt
ſpeciale the Laird of Lochlevin ·

The Maſter of Glammis to the Laird of Lochleven ·

145 Rycht honorabill Sir eftir my maiſt hartlie commendationes I haif reſſavit ȝour letter and as towart the certantie of ȝour ſiluer quhilk ȝe deſyrit to knaw / as I ſpak to ȝow in Edinburgh I haid the ſame ther to deliver to ȝow and in reſpect of the Refuſall I cauſit deliver the ſame to Knokdolien / And now I am upoun the firſt of the nixt moneth the lyke ſowme to reſſave quhairoff I haif cautioneris in Edinburgh quhilk I luik for and ſall caus deliver the ſame to ȝow as I haif ſchawin the berar quhome with I haif mair amply conferrit therin And ſwa Remitting the reſt therto I commit ȝow to God this xxj of October 1586 Be

Ȝour affurit freind to his wtter pouar

THO · Mr Glammys ·

To the Rycht honorabill and my weray guid
freind the Laird of Lochlevin &c ·

The King to the Earl of Buchan ·

146 Rycht traiſt couſing We greit ȝow hartly weill / At the lait conventioun of ſamony of our eſtates as aſſembled we declairit the preſent conditioun of the Quene our deareſt moder / for quhome it becumis ws in honour and dewetie to do all in ws poſſible / not doubting of the redy gude will and promptitude of our haill eſtatis and loving ſubiectis to that effect / And ſeing the mater was able to draw to a capitulatioun The noblemen and prelattis preſent for the time offerit frelie to gif ws for their awne partis to the ſame effect / everie Erle thre hundreth pundis / everie Lord twa hundreth pundis / the meaneſt of the Prelattis preſent fourtie pundis / And everie vther prelatt accordinglie reſpecting the value of ther benefices / Nocht dowting bot all thair peiris in Scotland wald do the lyke in reſpect of the cauſe wiſhing thame to follow the exemple of the ſaidis noblemen and prelattis preſent for the tyme / And albeit ȝour ſelff was not then preſent ȝit luiking for na leſs gude will at ȝour handis / nor ȝe had bene perſonallie heir / we haue burdenit ȝow with the lyke ſowme as vtheris of ȝour rank offerit vnto ws Deſyring ȝow effectouſlie that ȝe will not faill to prepair the ſame ſowme mentionat in the roll / quhilk the beirar heirof will ſhaw ȝow and caus delyver the ſame to Mr Williame Leſlie quhome we haue appointit to reſſaue it within ſex dayis eftir his firſt cuming to ȝow Sa as the purpois for quhilk the ſame is deſtinat be not hinderit or harmit for the inlaik therof / Sen vpoun the conſequence of that quhilk heirvpoun is lyklie to follow dependis the quyeting or vnquyeting of the haill eſtate As ȝe will declair ȝour affectionat mynde to the furtherance of that mater and do ws verie acceptable pleaſur / Lattand us vnderſtand be ȝour letter with the beirar that we may aſſeuredlie lippin for the ſame / And ſwa We commit ȝow to God From Halirudhous the xij day of Januare 1586 ·

To oure Richt traiſt couſing the erll of Buchane and his tutoris ·

James R.

Licence to James Commendator of Melros to pas to France and Flanders ·

REX ·

147 WE be the tennour heirof with auiſe of the Lordis of oure ſecrete counſall Geve and grant oure licence to oure louitt James commendatar of oure abbay of Melros To depairt and pas furth of our Realme to the pairtis of France Flandaris and vthiris beȝond ſey / thair to remane for doing of his leſum effearis for the ſpace of ȝeiris nixttocum eftir the date heirof / For the quhilk We will and grant he ſall nawayes be callit nor accuſeit / Nor incur na ſkaith nor dangear thairthrow in his perſone landis guidis nor geir Nochtwithſtanding quhatſumeuir oure actis ſtatutis ordinanceis proclamationis or conſtitutionis maid or to be maid in the contrare Quhairanent and all panes contenit thairintill We diſpens be thir preſentis Diſchargeing heirfoir oure Juſtice Juſtice clark Aduocattis and all vthiris oure Jugeis officiaris and miniſteris of our lawis preſent and tocum and thair deputis Off all calling accuſeing troubling or onywayes proceding aganis the ſaid Commendatar / Or intrometing with him his benefice landis guidis or geir for the premiſſis and of thair offices in that part be thir preſentis · Prouyding alwayes that the ſaid James commendatar of Melros during his abſence furth of oure realme / behave him ſelff as ane deutifull and obedient ſubiect to ws / and do nor attempt na thing tending to the hurte or preiudice of ws oure eſtate or croun Or to the religioun preſentlie profeſſit within oure realme / Vthirwayes this oure licence to be null and of nane availl ſtrenth force nor effect · Gevin vndir oure ſignet and ſubſcryuit with oure hand AT the day of And of oure regnne the twentie ȝeir 1586 ·

James R

THO · *Theſaurarius* THYRLSTANE ·

Acquittance to William Douglas of Lochleven of the few maills of Melros ·

148 WE James Commendatar of Melros grantis ws be the tennour heiroff to haue reſſaued fra the handis of the rycht honorable Villiam Douglas of Lochleuin our father full and compleitt payment of all maner of maillis and wther dewities auchtand be him to ws be wertew of ony landis and dewities addettit be him to the Abbacie of Melros And be the tennour heirof We hauld ws weill contentit fatiffeit and payit of the ſamin and of all ȝeiris and termis maillis and dewiteis ſen our entres to the ſaid Abbacie to this preſent day and daitt And thairfoir quitclamis and diſchargis the ſaid Villiam Douglas of Lochleuin his airis executouris and aſſignayis of the ſamyn for ws and our ſucceſſouris and all utheris quhome it effeiris In Witnes of the quhilk thing We have ſubſcrivit this preſent acquittance with our hand AT Edinburgh the xxj day of Julij The ȝeir of God I^{m} V^{c} lxxxvij ȝeiris Befoir thir witneſſis Mr William Henderſon commiſſar of Melros Johne Douglas in Kenneſtoun and Villiam Douglas called Kyllis Villiam with utheris diuers ·

JAMES Commendatar of Melros ·

Extract of clauſe and article in the Ratificatioun of the Pacificatioun reſtitutioun and abolitioun grantit to our Soverane Lordis liegis at divers Parliamentis befoir ·

149 In the Act of the Parliament haldin at Edinburgh the tuentie nyne day of Julij the ȝeir of God I^{m} V^{c} fourſcoir ſevin ȝeiris Intitulat Ratificatioun of the Pacificatioun reſtitutioun and abolitioun grantit to oure Souerane Lordis liegis at divers Parliamentis befoir / this claus and article is contenit OURE SOVERANE LORD of his naturall diſpoſitioun being at all tymes maiſt cairfull to vnit the haill hairtis of his ſubiectis That his nobilitie eſtaitis and commoun people at all tymes micht be the mair bent

in his ſeruice for the avancement of the realme Hes in guid effect declairit his intentioun nawyſe to enriche his crown with the damnage of his ſubiectis Nor that ony of thame aganis vtheris for ony variance fallin out in his hienes minoritie and les age ſuld haue ony maner of ſtryff heirefter Quhairfoir his hienes and his thre eſtaittis in his parliament haldin at Linlythgw in the great hall of the palice thairof the tent day of december The ȝeir of God I^{m} V^{c} lxxxv ȝeiris for great and wechtie conſiderationis tending to the generall peax and quietnes within this realme Retreitit reſcindit and reducit quhatſumeuer proceſſis and domes of foirfaltour ſentences criminall and penall led and gevin aganis quhatſumevir perſonis for the allegit offenſſis contenit in the ſaidis proceſſis and ſentences and for quhatſumeuer vtheris cauſſis and allegit crymes done or that micht be allegit to have bene committit ſen his Maieſties coronatioun Or that ar contenit in the ſaidis ſentences of foirfaltour led ſen his Maieſties coronatioun at quhat tyme ſoeuer the ſaidis crymes ar allegit to be committit befoir with all that followit or may follow thairvpoun / Be the quhilk reſtitutioun the ſaidis perſonis forfaltit denuncit rebellis and put to the horne or that wer ony vtherwys trublit ſa monie of thame that wer depairtit this lyff wer be our ſaid Souerane and his ſaidis thre eſtaitis fullelie reponit and reſtoirit in Integrum to thair landis heretages rowmes poſſeſſionis penſionis offices and to thair honour dignitie and fame Siclyk and in the ſamyn manner as gif the ſaidis ſentences had neuer bene gevin / And forder our ſaid Souerane Lord with aviſe of his ſaidis thre eſtaittis of parliament be ane generall abolitione diſchargeit all actionis criminall and penall quhilk micht be competent to his hienes ſelff for his awin proper entres as als that mycht reſult betuix his ſubiectis of quhatſumeuir qualitie vpoun ony commoun caus of miſcontentment of the eſtait offerit in his hienes minoritie and les aige as in the ſaidis generall actis of reſtitutioun pacificatioun and abolitioun at mair lenth is contenit Quhilkis actis and conſtitutionis of parliament and euerie ane of thame Oure ſaid Souerane Lord and his thrie eſtaittis of this preſent parliament have of new advifedlie ſene and confiderit in euery point

and circumſtance thairof and findis and declairis the ſamin to have bene and to be maid for the weill of our Souerane Lord the preſeruatioun of his eſtait and for maiſt iuſt neceſſar and proffitable cauſſis to the baill realme and for the quietnes of all his hienes lieges And thairfoir his hienes and thre eſtaittis of this preſent parliament Hes ratifiet apprevit and affermit Lyk as our ſaid Souerane Lord with aviſe of his ſaidis thrie eſtaittis be thir preſentis for him ſelff and his ſucceſſouris Ratifies affermis and perpetuallie apprevis the ſame act of reſtitutioun pacificatioun and abolitioun of the ꝺait abonefpecifiit in all pointis headis articles clauſſis and circumſtances thairof without ony manner of exceptioun ather of perſonis or crymes (except as ſalbe exceptit in this preſent act) And forder be the auctoritie of this preſent parliament Our ſaid Souerane Lord with adviſe of his ſaidis thre eſtaitis efter his perfite aige as ſaid is of new reducis reſcindis caſſis and annullis all and ſindrie the ſaidis domes of forfaltour ſentences criminall and penall all infeftmentis and diſpoſitionis of landis heretages rentis offices and benefices proceiding thairvpoun and that micht or may be comprehendit vnder the ſaid generall reſtitutioun pacificatioun and abolitioun maid at Lynlithgw the tyme foirſaid or that may be comprehendit in the firſt pacificatioun concludit at Perth the xxiij day of Februar The ȝeir of God Iᵐ Vᶜ lxxij ȝeiris Ratifiit and apprevit in the parliament haldin therefter at Halyruidhous the laſt day of Aprile The ȝeir of God Iᵐ Vᶜ lxxiij ȝeiris Quhilkis and euery particle Oure ſaid Souerane Lord and his thre eſtaitis haldis as expreſſit heirin and ordanis the ſame to haif full effect and force Sen the returne of vmquhile the Quene his Maieſties derreſt moder in this realme vpoun the nyntene day of Auguſt The ȝeir of God Iᵐ Vᶜ thrieſcoir ane ȝeiris to be at lenth inſert in this preſent act gif neid be

AND mairower our ſaid Souerane Lord to put all his liegis in full aſſurance with aduiſe of his ſaidis thrie eſtaittis of parliament have retreitit and reſcindit and be the tennour heirof retreitis and reſcindis all and ſindrie proceſſis of foirfaltour led aganis quhatſumeuir perſonis fra the

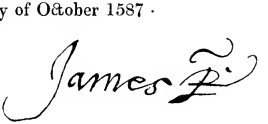
day of the arryving of oure Souerane Lordis vmquhile derreſt moder within this realme quhilk wes vpoun the nyntene day of Auguſt The ȝeir of God I^{m} V^{c} thrieſcoir ane ȝeiris to the day of his hienes coronatioun and declairis the ſame to be of nane availl force nor effect with all that followit or may follow thairvpoun except the ſpeceale proceſſis and ſentences of foirfaltour efter ſpecifiit quhilk ſall remane and abide in thair awin force Notwithſtanding the premiſſis Thay ar to ſay James ſumtyme erle Bothuill James Ormeſtoun ſumtyme of that ilk and all vtheris ȝit onlyve quha hes bene foirfaltit for airt and pairt of the murthour of his hienes vmquhile derreſt fader *Extractum de libris actorum Parliamenti per me Alexandrum Hay de Eiſter Kennatt clericum rotulorum regiſtri ac concilii S · D · N · Regis ſub meis ſigno et ſubſcriptione manualibus* ·

ALEXANDER HAY ·

The King to the Laird of Lochleven ·

Traiſt freind We greit ȝou weill The trouble and wickednes of the thevis and brokin men inhabiting oure bordouris conſtranis ws ſtill retene certane plegeis and utheris maiſt diſordourit in the Incuntrey amangis the noblemen barronis and utheris of beſt habilitie Seing our awne houſſis ar not able to keip ſic a multitude as neceſſarlie for this gude occaſioun mon be detenit Quhairfoir We Require and commands ȝow That ȝe reſſaue in ȝour cuſtodie and keping Arche Ellott of the Hill quhome preſentlie We direct unto ȝow / and retene him in ȝour cuſtodie and keping unlatting him pas hame upoun band obligatioun or ony maner of conditioun quhill he be fred and relevit Alwayes ȝe neid not to keip him ſtrait becaus ſouirtie is fundin that he ſall not eſchape Thus We committ ȝow to God Frome Halierudhous the xxv day of October 1587 ·

To our traiſt freind the
Lard of Lochlevin ·



Warrant to retain Archie Ellot of the Hill in clois firmance ·

151 Richt traiſt freind We greit ȝow hairtlie weill / Being moved to tak in plegeis for the gude reule of the diſordourit peple inhabiting the bordouris we dire&it thame to remane and be kepit with certane noble men and baronis in the incuntrey and amangis the reſt Archie Ellot of the Hill to ȝow And now finding ſum new attemptatis of miſreule and inobedience we haue thocht meit be this our Letter effe&tuuſlie to require and command ȝow That ȝe retene and kepe the ſaid plege in clois firmance quhill ȝe reſſaue oure command in the contrair Or incais he be depairtit fra ȝow vpoun quhatſumeuir pretens or occaſioun That ȝe certifie ws be write of the very trewth in that behalff / be quhat warrand and quhat ſuretie ȝe haue for his reentrie As ȝe will anſuer to ws and do ws thankfull and gude pleſure Thus we committ ȝow to God AT Haliruidhous the fourt day of februare 1587 ·

James R

To oure richt traiſt freind the
Laird of Lochlevin ·

Warrant to put Archie Ellott of the Hill to fredome and to keip Clemet Ellot his brothers ſon in his place ·

152 Traiſt freind we greit ȝow weill / ȝe ſall putt Archie Ellott of the Hill to libertie and fredome / and reſſaue in his place Clemett Elott his brutheris ſone / quhome ȝe ſall keip and detene in ſure firmance / Suffering him nawayes to pas hame vpoun band obligacioun or otherwayes quhill he be

fred and relevit be ws theranent thir prefentis ſall ſerve vnto ȝow for a warrand Thus we committ ȝow to God Frome Haliruidhous the day of februare 1587 ·

To our traiſt freind the
Laird of Lochlevin ·

Obligation by Dame Jean Lyoun Counteſs of Angus ·

153 We Dame Jeanne Lyoun Counteſſe of Angus grantis ws to have deteynit in our handes the lettres underwrittin viz. ane nyntein ȝeir tak of the teinds of Eliſtoun of the dait the 19 of October a thouſand fyve hundrethe threeſcoir ſeventein ȝeiris Ane nyntein ȝeir tak of the teinds of Aberdour of the dait a thouſand fyve hundrethe threſcoir and fyftein ȝeirs the penult of Marche / The reverſioun givin be Sir Robert Melvill of the lands of Graingemuir and Woodfeild The reverſioun of Langtoun givin be James and Mungo Mure in Langtoun And be thir preſents teſtifies the ſaid lettres not be comprehended in the diſchairge of the Evidents and lettres of the Erledome of Morton and Dalkeith giuin to ws be the Erle of Mortoun / For the quhilk lettres only above ſpecifiit We ſall be anſwerable as law will to ony pretending title to the ſame / In witnes quherof We have ſubſcryvit this preſent with our hand AT Edinbrughe the tuentie day of Merche a thouſand fyve hundrethe fourſcoir and aucht ȝeirs Befor thir witnes George Douglas of Pairkheid Mr Nicol Dagleiſche Miniſter Mr Dauid Houme our ſerviteur with uther dyvers ·

JENE COUNTES OF ANGUS .

GEO · DUGLASS Witnes · Mr DAUID HOUME Witnes ·

Diſcharge to William Earl of Mortoun as air of tailzie to umquhile Archibald erll of Angus ·

REX ·

154 WE JAMES be the grace of God King of Scottis Remembering the trew and thankfull ſervice done to ws be oure richt treſt cwſing umquhill Archibald erll of Angus quha laſt deceiſſit As alſo be oure richt treſt cwſing Williame now erle of Mortoun Be the tennour heirof Renunces and ſimpliciter Diſcharges All and quhatſumevir actioun competent to ws as air to umquhill Dame Margaret Dowglas Countes of Lennox oure guiddame umquhill James Maiſter of Angus hir broder umquhill Archibald erll of Angus oure grandfire Or ony utheris our predeceſſouris aganis the ſaid Williame now erll of Mortoun as heir of tailzie to the ſaid umquhill Archibald erll of Angus quha laſt deceiſſit for his Intromiſſioun with the males fermes canes cuſtomes caſualitcis greſowmes and utheris dewteis and proffeittis quhatſumevir Of all and ſyndrie the erldome of Angus Lordſchippis of Dowglas Abernethie and utheris landis and baroneis quhatſumevir Quhairunto We as air to ony of oure predeceſſouris hes or may pretend richt or enteres And that for all ȝeiris and termes bygane ſen the deceis of umquhill James maiſter of Angus or umquhill Archibald erll of Angus oure grandfire &c· Subſcrivit with oure hand and gevin under our ſignet AT the day of The ȝeir of God I^{m} V^{c} foureſcoir aucht ȝeiris ·

James R.

The King to the Earl of Mortoun ·

155 Rycht traiſt couſing and counſallour We greit ȝow hartlie weill Mynding to haue heir a frequent and ſolempne conventioun of our nobilitie baronis and vtheris our eſtatis vpoun the xxiiij day of Aprile inſtant

alſweill for reſolutioun to be tane be thair adviſe anent the mater of our marriage as for the quieting of this eſtate and diuerting of the appearand dangeris threatnit thairto baith be externall and domeſtique practiſes / It is thairfore our will and we deſire 3ow richt affectueuſlie / that all excuſis ſet apart / 3e faile not to addres 3ow to be with ws the ſaid day and place / preparit to aſſiſt ws with 3our beſt counſale and adviſe anent the premiſſis / as 3e will teſtefie vnto ws 3our dewtifull affectioun towardis ws and this haill ſtate and do ws therin rycht acceptable ſeruice Thus We commit 3ow to God / from Halyruidhous the firſt day of Apryle 1589 ·

To our richt traiſt couſing and counſallour
The erle of Mortoun ·

Proclamatioun to charge his Majeſteis liegis within the ſcherifdome of Fyffe to aſſiſt in apprehending the Earl of Huntly ·

156 JAMES be the grace of God King of Scottis to our louittis meſſingeris and ſcheriffis in that parte conjunctlie and ſeueralie ſpecialie conſtitute greting Forſamekle as it is vndirſtand to ws and lordis of oure ſecreit counſall That George erll of Huntley and utheris his compliceis quhilkis laitlie conuocat thame ſelffis togidder in armes for troubling of oure perſone and eſtate ar now returnit bak to oure burgh of Perth / mynding thair to remane quhill thay may haue bettir occaſioun to proſequute thair formair wicked intentioun to the bringing on of mony inconuenientis gif tymous and ſubſtantious remeid be not prouidit / Quhairfoir We haue gevin and grantit and be thir oure letters with aduiſe of the ſaidis lordis of oure ſecrete counſall gevis and grantis oure full pouer and commiſſioun expres bidding and charge to oure richt traiſt couſing and counſellour Williame erll of Mortoun Lord Dalkeith and Andro erle off Rothes lord

Leſlie conjunctlie and ſeverallie To conuocat oure liegis inhabitantis within the boundis of oure ſcherefdome of Fyffe alſweill to burgh as to land regalitie as ryaltie betuix ſaxtie and ſaxtene ȝeiris / and utheris fenſible perſonis in weirlykemaner And to pas inclois and inviroun oure ſaid burgh on all partis and all vtheris thingis to do and vſe that for apprehenſioun of the ſaid erll and utheris his compliceis is requiſite to be done / With pouer alſwa to this effect to aſſege houſſis raiſe fyre and vſe all kynd of force and weirlyk ingyne that can be had for wynning thairof and executioun of this preſent commiſſioun in all pointis Decerning be thir preſentis that quhatſumeuir ſlauchter mutilatioun or vthir inconvenient ſalhappin to be committit be oure ſaid commiſſionar or the perſonis affiſting him to the executioun of the premiſſis ſall not be imputt as cryme or offence to thame / nor thay ſall not be callit nor accuſed thairfoir criminalie nor ciuilie nor incur na dangeir for the ſamin in thair perſonis landis or guidis Exonering thame be thir preſentis of all pane and dangeir that thai may incur thairthrow for euir OURE WILL IS heirfoir and we charge ȝow ſtraitlie and commandis That incontinent thir oure lettres ſene ȝe pas and in oure name and auctoritie Command and charge all and ſindrie our liegis betuix ſaxtie and ſaxtene ȝeiris and vtheris fenſible perſonis duelland within the boundis of oure ſaid ſchirefdome Be oppin proclamatioun at the mercatt croceis of the ſame and vtheris placeis neidfull That thay and ilkane of thame weill bodin in feir of weir repair to oure ſaid commiſſionar with all poſſible diligence eftir the publicatioun heirof pas fordwart / aſſiſt concur and fortifie him in the executioun of this preſent commiſſioun in all pointis vſing his direction without attempting ony thing in the contrarie vnder the pane of tinſall of lyffe landis and guidis The quhilk to do We commit to ȝow conjunctlie and ſeueralie our full pouer be thir our lettres delivering thame be ȝow deulie execute and Indorſate agane to the beirare Gevin vndir our ſignet and Subſcryuit with our hand AT Edinburgh the viij day of Aprile And of oure regnne the xxij ȝeir 1589.

JAMES R.

Mr Andrew de Mazieres [Miniſter at Thoire in Xaintonge] to the Earl of Morton ·

157 Monſieur Jay receu le 7 de ce moys les lettres qu'il vous pleuſt m'eſcrire de Domdy par la lecture deſquelles j'euz nouvelle occaſion de remercier Dieu tant de la proſperite de voſtre eſtat en particulier qu'il eſleue de bien en mieux l'honorant de ſes benefices que pour la grace qu'il continue a l'endroit de voſtre Roy lequel il affectionne de plus en plus a ſon ſeruiſſe l'accourageant a repurger ſon royaume des abominables idolatries et des impoſteurs et ſeducteurs qui par faux donner a entendre ayant perdu ung nombre infiny dames ont attiré a leur pouuoyr les plus beaux domaines de la terre et a preſent voyantz leur ſeduction deſcouverte par la clarte de la parolle de dieu ſefforcent de l'eſteindre pour pouuoyr retenir leur prinſe aux deſpens du ſalut et repos de tout le monde · Mais ilz ſeront en fin deſconfitz et ruinez · Loue ſoit donc Dieu Monſieur qui vous a fauory d'ung don ſi exquis que de vous douer dung tel prince Je le prie de fere la grace aux princes et ſeigneurs de ce royaume de recongnoiſtre ung tel bien comme il appartient et leur donner courage d'aſſiſter a leur Roy a la pourſuyte d'ung tel oeuure leur donnant ung peuple et ſubjects dociles et volontaires · Au reſte puys mes dernieres lettres que je donnaj a Monſieur de Domda la ville de Chartres ſ'eſt remiſe a la ſubjection de noſtre Roy . Le Duc de d'Eſpernon a preſens Montereau faut yonne pres Paris et arreſté quarente grandz bateaus quj deſcendoyent au long de la riuière pour la uitailler · On eſtime que ceux de dedans ſeront contraintz eux rendre par faute de viures Monſieur de la Noue ſous le duc de Longuevile a deffaict douze enſeignes de Lanſequenetz quj eſtoyent venuz pour la ligue Le Pape en ſon Conſiſtoyre aduerty de lunion du Roy avec le Roy de Nauarre ont eſleu deux Cardinaux pour la rompre et maintenir le Roy au propos dont il a faict declaration comme vous auez peu veoyr en l'impreſſion que je vous en ay Enuoyée Je croy qu'ilz ſont bien marriz des heureux ſuccez qu'il a pleu a

Dieu donner au Roy a ces commencementz et de s'estre tant deſcouvertz contre luy car partout ou le clerge a heu pouuoyr Ilz ont faict rebeller le peuple contre le Roy comme encore ilz ſ'eſtudient a ce feur Ce qu'ils ont obtenu a Poytiers ou il y a ung moyne nommé Protaſius qui eſt Capitaine et menne les hommes a la guerre · Ceux de Bourdeux voyant que les Indaites continueyent obſtinement a mesdire du Roy a inciter le peuple contre icellui voyre Dieu par leur deprecacions les ont chaſſez et deſparty aux Mendiens leur revenu et par ce moyen ont contenu le peuple en l'obeiſſance du Roy / Le Roy de Navarre a envoyé pardeſſa Monſieur de Phay garde de ſes ſceaus aux fins dauoir de largent pour ſouſtenir les grands frais qu'il luy conuient feur Mais les hommes ſont ſi froids a donner que je n'eſtime pas qu'il puiſſe avoir ce qu'il pretent veu meſme qu'il eſt charge dune commiſſion fort odieuſe ſcavoir de remetre les officiers du Roy papiſtes en leur eſtats et en deſpoſer ceux que le Roy de Navarre avoyt miz en leur place Et de mettre la meſſe par toutes les villes de la religion Ce que eſt fort odieuſe aux gens de bien et trouve fort eſtrange eſtre advenu au Roy de Navarre / veu qu'au moys de decembre dernier paſſé en l'aſſemblee des deputez des Egliſes de France en ce lieu renouvellant l'union cy devant faicte a Montauban avec icelles Il jura et proteſta de la maintenir religieuſement et n'accorder ny feur rien concernant les Egliſes que par laduiz et conſentement dicelles · Nous ne pouvons eſperer une heureuſe iſſue diceux qui fondent le baſtiment de leur grandeur ſur des pierres d'impiete de perjure et injuſtice comme font ceux qui authoriſent les moynes preſtres et officiers papiſtes / J'ay eſcrit au Roy d'Ecoſſe ſur la declaration du Roy mais ſi j'euſſe ſceu cela je ne le lui euſſe teu pour le deſir que jay que le Roy de Navarre maintienne Dieu de ſon coſté ſans la faveur peculière duquel il ne peut attendre qu'une ruine Je ſcai bien qu'on targera ce faict indigne de quelque beau pretexte mais il ny a raiſon humaine qui puiſſe feur valoir devant Dieu l'uſage de ce qu'il reprouve · Il prononce malediction contre ceux qui mettent le mal pour le bien et les tenebres pour lumiere et qui ſcauent feur le bien et ne le font pas / la gloyre de Dieu doyt eſtre plus chere et pretieuſe aux fidelles

que celle des Roys · Dieu ayme mieux l'obeiſſance que les ſacrifices combien pluſque les raiſons vaines des hommes Il honorera ceux quj l'honorent mais ceux qui ne font cas de ſon honneur ſeront deſhonnorez Ceſt acte aſſeure le papiſte qui eſtoit eſpouvanté par les exploits que Dieu lui avoyt donné de ſeur contre icelluy et le rend audacieux pour ſenhardir a luy courir ſus car il le voyt deffia reduit a ce point de luy accorder ce qu'il eut faict difficult de demander a ceux de la religion quand bien les liguez euſſent gaigné ſur iceux une bataille Le deſplaiſir que jen ay me feroit eſtendre plus avant ces diſcours ſi je ne craignoy de vous ennuyer en la lecture de mes Regretz O combien eſt heureuſe voſtre Roy qui reſiſte au Diable Le Diable et ſes ſuppoſts ſ'enfuyeront et quitteront ſon Royaume · Je veoy au contraire ce miſerable Royaume eſtre faict la retraite des Diables et dragons plus que Jamais par la laſcheté de nos deux Roys Quj les craignez Dieu leur veille ſeur miſericorde et les douer de la foy qui eſt ſelon ſa crainte et connoiſſance de verité et combien que la deffenſe de ſa juſte cauſe ne ſoyt point pourſuyure d'ung tel pied quelle mérite qu'il marche néanmoins deuant larmee des ſiens et confonde celle des liguez et vous doint

Monſieur

ſa grace et paix ſaluant voz bonnes graces de mes tres humbles recommendacions a la Rochelle ce 20 de Juing 1589 ·

Voſtre tres humble et obeiſſant ſeruiteur a Jamais

A · MAZIERES ·

A Monsieur
Monsieur le Comte de Morthon
en Eſcoſſe ·

The warrand for deliuerie of Johne Logane ·

REX ·

158 Williame erll of Mortoun lord Dalkeith &c^a^ We greit ȝow wele IT is oure will and We command ȝow That incontinent eftir the ſicht heiroff

ȝe deliuer Johnne Logane broder germaine to George Logane portionar of Bonytoune / To oure weilbelouit ſeruitour James Coluile of Eiſtir Wemys to be keipit and vſit be him conforme to oure direƈtioun gevin thairanent / As ȝe will anſuer to ws thairvpoune Keipand thir preſentis for ȝour warrand Subſcriuit with oure hand AT Falkland the nynt day off Auguſt the ȝeir of God Iᵐ Vᶜ fourſcoir nyne ȝeiris ·

James R.

The King to the Earl of Mortoun ·

159 Richt traiſt Couſing and counſellour We greit ȝow hertlie weill / Vpoun knawlege of the lait dangeris quherin the Quene oure deareſt ſpous hes bene / and ſum impedimentis objeƈtit for hir preſent returnyng this ſeaſon / We haue takin purpos to pas oure ſelff God willing in perſoun to Norroway quher ſhe now remanis / having left a Declaratioun of oure will as thingis ſalbe governit in oure abſence and thairin hes ſpecialie burdynnit ȝow to attend ſum tymes on oure Counſell at Edinburgh aſſiſting oure deareſt nepheu the Duke of Lennox according to oure direƈtioune / quhervnto ſen ȝe wilbe maid privie / We will forbeare preſentlie to vſe ma wordes Bot deſiring ȝow effeƈtuuſlie to hald hand that the ſame oure direƈtioun may be fulfillit as may beſt ſtand with oure honour and quietnes of the cuntrie Conforme to the truſt quhilk we haue repoſit in ȝow / As ȝe may ſtill lippin for the continewance of oure guid will and fauour We commit ȝow in the proteƈtioun of Almichtie God AT Leith the xxij day of Oƈtober 1589 ·

James R.

To oure richt traiſt couſing and counſellour
the erll of Mortoun ·

George Douglas of Parkhead to the Earl of Morton ·

160 Maye It pleis ȝour Lo / Seing his Majeſtie hes concludit for dyvers gret reſpects to remaine this winter in theis partis / And being forcit to live upon the King of Denmarks charges is deſyrous to be ſa quyet as can be · ȝour Lo / ſon Archibald hes tain occaſioun thareupon to purches licience with favorable letters of recommendatioun of his hienes To travell athort the wardle for a ȝeir or twa And he hes dealt with me in ſic earniſt manere to beir him cumpanie / that after I had uſeit all manere of motives that I could devyſe to diſſuade him fra the ſame (as the haill freinds wha are heir can beir recorde) ȝit finding it a thing impoſſible to cauſe him change opinion I have in lenth rather choſein to be partaker of his fortune then to ſuffer him to undertake ſa venterous ane voyage altogither unaccompanied / Swa as on the ane ſyde I wald wiſh ȝour Lo / to have my pairte excuſed Sa may ȝour Lo / on the other ſyde be ſa far aſſured of my diligent attendance and loving caire over him / that I ſall omitte nathing (by the grace of God) that in me lyeth quhilk may ether tend to his proffit / honour or weillfare / And thus leaving the farther declaration of theis matters to his awne reporte I commit ȝour gud Lo / to the bleſſed protection of God nocht forgetting my moſt humble commendatiounis of ſeruice to ȝour Lo / and my Lady ȝour bedfellowe From Vpſlo in Noroweay this laſt of November 1589 ·

ȝour Lo / meſt humble and affectioned to do ȝow ſervice
GEO · DUGLASS ·

To the Right honorable my verie gud Lord
my Lord the Erle of Mortoun ·

The King to the Earl of Mortoun ·

161 Rycht traiſt couſing and counſellour We greit ȝow hartlie weill The Commiſſioneris and gentlemen of Denmark / being now departit / We

thocht convenient to proceid with all expeditioun poſſible / to the conſideratioun of the Inconvenientis ſtanding in our eſtait and effairis / and how the ſamyne may be remeidit / for our awin weill and honour / and to confort and eaſe of our gude ſubiectis / quherunto finding zour gude advyſe neceſſar we deſyre zow effectiouſlie that ze will not faill to be heir at Halyruidhous vpon the tent day of Junij nixt to the effect forſaid / quhair zour tarie ſalbe ſchort / And ſa reſting to zour cuming As ze wiſche the gude ſucceſs of this werk and will do ws acceptable pleaſur / committis zow in the protectioun of God AT Halyruidhous the xxix day of Maij 1590 ·

To our Richt traiſt Couſing and counſellour the erll of Mortoun ·

Order for Proclamation of the Marriage of the Earl of Errol and Lady Elizabeth Douglas and Certificate thereof ·

162 Miniſteris Forſamekill as We parteis onderſubſcryuairis are aggreit that the bandis of our mariage be proclamit at placis requiſit / to that effect / and in takin as of bayth our conſentis therto We hawe ſubſcryvit this preſent With our handis At the Newhous the ſecund of Juin 1590 ·

ERROL ·

MORTOUN · ELIZABETH DOUGLAS ·

To al and ſindrie quhome it efferis ſpeciallie the brithring of the miniſterie pace and grace from God the father and from his ſone the Lord Jeſus &c· Forſamekil as it wil pleas zow undirſtand / the bannis of mariage betuixt the rycht nobil and honorabill parteis To wit Franceis earle of Errol Lord Hay &c· and Elizabeth Douglas dauchtir to ane nobil Lord my Lord Earl Mortoun ar thre ſeveral ſondayis proclamed lauchfullie At the kirk of Slanis / na impediment being objected in the

contrarie quherthrow ȝe or ony of ȝow may proceid to the celebratioun off the band of mariage Teſtifeit and ſubſcryueit as is undirwretin At Slanis the 21 day of Junij 1590 ·

ALEXANDER BRUCE Miniſter at Slanis ·

Francis Earl of Errol to the Earl of Morton?

163 My Lord efter my heartlyeſt commendaciouns I am informit that ȝit my ennemies ceſſis nocht to ſpeik of me / and to renew thingis I haid ſatiſfeit alradie And albeid I can nocht empeſche nor ſtayie invyfull menis ſpeking ȝit vill I nocht neglect to acquent freyndis with my innocencie and honeſt meining bayth to King and Kirk · As concerning his Majeſties obedience quhatſumevir I hawe owrſene therin / and reſſauit pardon therof / was vpon na lang precogitat purpos bot ſuddanlie redackit therto for eſchewing of ſume rigurus forme dewyſit aganis me be fic as but caus become my onfreyndis / And qwhayſoeuir vald ſaye that than I menit ony ſubuerſion of religion thay ar ather my ennemies directlie or knawis nocht veill the proces of that turne / ſeing that all that tyme I offerit my ſelff to the tryall bayth off his Majeſtie with his conſeill / and of the Kirk / onlye reſufit but tryall to be evill vſit · Off this my Lord I think to wreitt the les that I hoip ȝour L / rememberis of all / only deſyris gif ony occaſion beis ȝour L / pleis hald hand that fals reportis fiud nocht place aganis me in my abſens / ſeing nather haid I in the lait trubill ony intention aganis religion nor aganis his Majeſties obedience bot forcit / nayther ȝit hawe I ony intention fra this furth in ony ſort to diſturbe the quyetnes of the cuntrie / All forther I remitt to the nixt occaſion ſwa preſentlie committis ȝour L / in Gods almychtie protection / At Aberdene the xiij of Junij 1590 ·

ȝour L / rycht affurit freynd at power

ERROL ·

Mr John Knox Miniſter at Melros to the Earl of Morton ·

164 My Lord efter commendatioun of ſervice / Pleis ȝour Lordſhip / wit the laird of Ceſſuird ȝounger hes bene at conference with Mr Johne Cawden and me anent the ſtate of ȝour tenents of Langnewtoun And does mekle marvell that ȝour Lordſhip hes not a farther regaird to thame / At lenth he cam to this poynt that he requyred ws to commone with ȝour Lordſhip in this mater and in his name to ſay that it wer moſt meitt gif ȝour Lordſhip mycht be perſwadit therto / to ſee gif ȝe mycht content Andro Ker for his kyndnes of Langnewtoun teynd ffor ſaid he thocht Andro Ker hes not demerited weill at my hand as alſo that I do not allow of ſick inordinat faſſions as he vſes / ȝit he is a Ker and he is come of our hous and I wald be layth to ſee him wrack / quhat anſuer I maid heirto Mr Jhone Cowden will tell ȝour Lordſhip / ȝour Lordſhip knawes that Teviotdaill kyndnes will not be forgett without ſome contentment for it / And it wer not worſt to haue ſome regaird to ȝour pure ones quho will ever get the ſowr of this labour / As alſo I will deſyre ȝour Lordſhip to acquyte ȝour ſelf of the brute that goes in the cuntrey of ȝow for this ȝour lingering / Ȝea thair ar ſome that ſayes ȝour Lordſhip walbe content to haue all the tenentis of Langnewtoun wrackit that ȝe mycht tak it in manis to ȝour ſelf Quhairin thocht I be not perſwadit ȝit I think it ȝour Lordſhips honour to prove thir ſpeakers liers And ſo commending ȝour Lordſhip and ȝour effaris to the protectioun of God commendis ȝow hartlie to him · From Melrois this xxiij of Julij 1590 · Be ȝour Lordſhip at ſervice ·

M Jhone Knox Miniſter at Melrois ·

To the richt honorabill Lord
My Lord Erle of Mortoun ·

Francis Earl of Errol to the Earl of Morton ·

165 My Lord and father / efter my maiſt hertlie commendatioune this is to aduertiſe ȝour Lordſhip that I reſauit ane letter ȝiſtrein fra the Mr Lewingſtoune / anent the purpoſe quhilk I ſpak to your Lordſhip of the bying off his land lyk as ȝour Lordſhip may perſaue be the maiſteris awin lettere ſend to me quhilk ȝe pleaſe heirwith reſaue deſyring that ȝow will reſolue thairanent ſaſoone as ȝe can / becaus ȝoue will knaw thairby baith quhat he may haiſe for it and quhat quantetie the land is off / and the terme of payment quhairwith gif ȝour Lordſhip cannot deall at the preſent I will deſyr that ȝe will grant him that fawor as to admitt thame tennentis that will deall with him for it quhill will adwantag him and naways endomag ȝour Lordſhip / likways I will remitt farthar heirin to ȝour Lordſhips reſolutiones and anſuer quhilk I luik for ſaſoone as ȝe may conuenientlie ſend it and ſa committis ȝour Lordſhip to God At Logyalmond this ſonday lait ·

ȝour maiſt lowing ſone at all pouar to Command

ERROL ·

To my maiſt ſpeciall gud Lord and father
My Lord Earll of Mortoune ·

Francis Earl of Errol to the Earl of Morton ·

166 My Lord and father / efter my maiſt hertlie commendatioune I reſauit ȝour Lordſhips letter of the xxix of October vpon ſonday the firſt of this inſtant quhairby I vnderſtand that ȝour Lordſhip is willing till excamb ȝour landis in Stirlingſhyre with the Mr Lewingſtouns landis in Tweddell quhairof I ſall aduertiſe the Mr / and as I reſaue anſuer of the Mr ȝour Lordſhip ſall knaw with diligence his mynd / always it is meit in my opinione that ȝour Lordſhip conſidder the waliditie bayth of ȝour awin

landis and his and quhilk of ȝow hes the beſt landis / till the vther to gif ſatiffactioune / or gif the difference / be not gryt / till leit it be conſiderit quietlie be ſum indifferent men that knawis bayth gif they may be haid / As for the lyfrentis that ȝour Lordſhip writtis the M^ris tenentis in Twadell hes quhairof ȝouris hes not the lyke / that may be conſiderit befoir the turne be endit betuix ȝow / for ſen it is ſa far agaitwart / I wald it wer at ſum point / for albeit I haid the beſt adwyſe in the warld / I ſuld newir adwyſe ȝour Lordſhip ather againſt ȝour honor or profeit / ſa far as I may knaw / and in this turne I ſall do quhat I can to gett ȝour Lordſhip contentit with ȝour part howſoever it be it is neceſſar ȝour Lordſhip ſend ane of ȝour awin ſerwandis to me heir about Thurſday evm aucht days / with the rentallis bayth of ȝour awin landis / and the Mr Lewingſtouns / as alſo inſtructit in all queſtiouns that may aryſe of any of ȝour pairtis / ſa far as ȝour Lordſhip may / and I ſall do gudwill my ſelf to braik the back of all queſtiouns gif the difference be not werie gryt / I am till ryd vpon Frydday to meit with the Erll of Huntlie at Montroiſe or Brechein anent ſic thingis as ar betuix me and his bruther / and as I returne ȝour Lordſhip ſalbe aduertiſſit quhat I do with him / Sa to new occaſioune I committ ȝour Lordſhip to God At Logyalmond the third day of November 1590 ·

ȝour ll / maiſt lowing ſone at all pouar to Command

ERROL ·

To my maiſt ſpeciall gude Lord and father
My Lord erll off Mortoune ·

The Maſter of Glammis to the Earl of Morton ·

167 My Lord Eftir my maiſt hartly commendationis I reſauit ȝour L / letter and ſall deliver the ſilver to my L / Erroll afoir Mertimes and reſaue his diſcharge theroff and ſall bring the ſame with me at my cummyng to Edinburgh quhilk ſalbe God willing in the nixt owyk Becaus my L / Erroll

wilbe heir the morne at nycht I neid nocht to ſend to him for my L / Huntly hes deſyrit that he may meit with him in his paſſing towart Edinburgh and to this effect that they may meit on fryday nixt in Montroes quhilk my L / Erroll intendis to do / This I onderſtand be my L / Erroll himſelff and ſo for the preſent nocht hawing ony forther occaſion I commit ȝour L / to God From Glammis the ferd of Nouember 1590 Be

ȝour L / ſon alwayes to command

THO · Mr GLAMMISS ·

Francis Earl of Errol to the Earl of Morton ·

168 My Lord and father / efter my werrie hertlie commendatiouns being myndfull till haif ſpokin with the Erll of Huntlie heir in ſic turnis of my awin as I wreit of to ȝour Lordſhip affoir / be reaſoune of quhais ſtay / finding my ſelff this far agaitwart I haif tane occaſioune to ryd north to be at ane point with him aither fordwart or backwart and myndis be Goddis grace / to returne with all diligence poſſibill and immediatlie / thairefter ſall ſie ȝour Lordſhip / ſa that the turne betuix ȝow and the Mr Lewingſtoune mon ather be dealt furth be ſum vther men that can lyk ȝou beyth / or ellis mon continew quhill I returne / quhilk in my opinioune is nocht neceſſary / always that I remitt to ȝour Lordſhips awin reſolutiounes / Sa for the preſent to new occaſioune / I committ ȝour Lordſhip to God At Brechin / the ſewint day of Nouember 1590 ·

ȝour ll / maiſt lowing ſone at all pouer to Command

ERROL ·

To my maiſt ſpeciall gude Lord and father
My Lord erll of Mortoune ·

Licence by the King to McIntoſhe to pas hame to his fader &c.

REX.

169 We be the tennour heirof Grantis and gevis licence to McIntoſhe ſone lauchfull to Lauchlane McIntoſhe of Dunnauchtane preſentlie remaning as plege with our traiſt Couſing and Counſalour William erll of Mortoun To depairt and pas hame to his fader or utherwiſe to frequent and repair in quhatſumevir pairt of oure cuntrey quhair he pleis &c Gevin under our Signet and ſubſcrivit with our hand AT the day of And of our regnne the xxiiij ȝeir 1590.

JAMES R.

The King to the Earl of Morton.

170 Richt traiſt couſing and counſellour We greit ȝow hertlie weill The ſame gude God that hes preſeruit ws frome all perrellis ſen our conceptioun vnto this hour ſtill diſcloſis and bringis to further licht the miſchevous practizes ettillit be Sathan and his miniſteris aganis our awin eſtait and perſoun / and the vnnaturall wrang and malice that wes wrocht aganis our richt traiſt couſing and counſellour the vmquhile erll of Angus of gude memorie that laſt deceiſſit / Quhilk mater requiring now to be put to the vttermaiſt triall / We mon effectuouſlie requyre ȝow That ȝe faill not all ȝour vther buſſines ſett apart to be in Edinburgh vpoun the xj day of Aprile inſtant That be ȝour preſence and furtherance / this actioun may tak fic a formall end be iuſtice vpoun the xij day of the ſame moneth as Goddis law and the lawis of our realme allowis of And ſwa lippyning that ȝe will not faill to keip this dyett preceiſſlie As ȝe luiſſit the erand and thame quhome it concernis Committis ȝow to Almychtie God AT Dalkeith the fourt of Aprile 1591.

JAMES R.

To oure richt traiſt couſing and counſellour
The erll of Mortoun.

The Earl of Angus to the Earl of Mortoun ·

171 My Lord efter my hartlie commendatioun I haue reſauit ane letter from his Majeſtie deſyring me to haue bein in Edinburgh the xj of this inſtant To haue ſen Juſtice vſit aganis ſic perſones as hes ettellit miſchewous pratekceis aganis his Majeſties awin eſtait and perſoune as alſo aganis myne and ȝouris ll / wmquhill laſt prediceſſoure that died of guid memorie Heirfoir I maiſt eirneſtlie mon Requeſt ȝour ll / to wreit to the reſt of our frendis that ȝour ll / may keipe the ſaid day to further his Majeſtie / in the miniſtratione of Juſtice / Seing his Majeſties intentione tendis bayth to the weillfair of the contrey and ſpeciallie to the veillfair and ſtanding of our houſe / Treulie thare ſold haue na wardlie tourne ſtayit me frome the keiping of the ſaid day bot it hes pleſit God to viſit me with ane extreme fyfher that I may [nather] Reid nor gange as is notablie knauen wnto the contrey Thus luking ȝour ll / will not faill to keip the ſaid day Becaus of my preſent diſeaſe and the fortherance of the miniſtration of Juſtice Specialie be ws quhich tendis maiſt to our honour Seing God hes moueit his Majeſtie to ſie Juſtice adminiſtrat quhais intentione being ſa guid We can not refuiſs for our awen partis Thairfoir ȝour ll / mane tak burden wpon ȝour ll / at this tyme for me / becaus of my preſent diſeaſs Remiting the reſt to ȝour ll / wiſdome and conſideratioune of our dewties / Committis ȝour ll / to the protectione of the Almychtie From Glenbervy the viij of this inſtant [April] 1591 ·

ȝour ll / affurit couſing at his power ·

ANGUS ·

I pray ȝour ll / to Remember my commendatioune to ȝour bedfallowe ·

Als I Requeſt ȝour ll / to affiſt this caus ſua that we reſaue nor deſerwe na ſclandder of God nor the warld &c·

To my weray ſpeciall guid Lord and couſinge

My Lord of Mortoun ·

Ludovick Duke of Lennox to the Earl of Morton ·

172 My Lord efter my hairtlie commendatione ſene I haif ever found ȝour Lo / to be ane maiſt ſpeciale and favorable freind towardis me In all my adois mane now burdene ȝour Lo / that my preſent mariage with Maiſtres Lilias Ruthvene be ȝour Lo / foliſtatione at his Majeſties hand may be Interprett according to my honeſt mening without preſuming ony diſobediance to his Majeſtie quhilk never ſall enter in my mynd for ony warldlie reſpect bot ſall ay continew as maiſt ſpeciallie obleiſt thairto his Majeſties humbill ſubject and ſervand And as to the performance of mariages I dowt not bot his Majeſtie as lykwys all trew chriſtians acknawledgis thame concludit be God In the hevines and cannot be eſchewed as I am ſuir myne hes bene frome the beginning haifing my hairt movit with ſick extreme affectione did willinglie be my aithe and faithfull promis bind my ſelf thairto that nathair with ſaif conſcience nor honour culd I eſchew the ſame Sua hoiping ȝour Lo / guid word and credit towardis his Majeſtie wilbe Imployit ſua far as ȝour Lo / may in this my godlie and honeſt caus will committ ȝour Lo / to God Frome Dunkell the xiij of Apryll 1591 ·

ȝour Lo / louinge aſſurit freind

To my verie guid and ſpeciall Lord LENOX ·
My Lord erle of Mortoun ·

Ludovick Duke of Lennox to the Earl of Morton ·

173 My Lord I man earneſtly requeſte ȝour Lo / as in my laſt letter that in caſe the King hes conceuit ony mynd aganis my laſt proceiding heir it will pleis ȝou to concur with my other freindis att courte for pacifeing of his Majeſtie / I man confes that altho my fact be not odious in the ſelff / yet I haue offendit in contrauening his Majeſteis

intentioun and conſequently I ſubmit me to his gracious will hoiping with Gods grace never to diſpleis him againe / to follow his commands in all pointis according to my bund dewtie / Your Lo / gude offices beſtowit on me heiranent ſall not be loſit yf I ſall ever haue the powar to requyte the ſame And ſo ending wyth my very hartlie commendation I leave ȝour Lo / in the protection of God / From Dunkell xix of Aprile 1591 ·

ȝour L / maiſt louing freind

LENOX ·

To my Lord
My Lord Erle of Mortoun ·

Laird of Drumlanrig to the Earl of Morton ·

174 It will pleis ȝour Lordſhip that the laird of Cloiſburne / beand ſchireff deput of Drumfres in the abſens of my Lord Sanquhar / he come vnder ſilence and cloud of nicht in the moneth of Merche laſt / to ȝour Lordſhips landis and regalitie of Mortoun / and brak ane fallowis houſe at the braidſyde tuke him ſelff and his geir but ony ordour / brocht him furth of ȝour Lordſhips regalitie / without ony tryall of his giltineſs or innocens / Intromettit with his eſcheit / and than put him to ane aſſyis / quhilk wes ane greit noveltie That the ſchireff and his deputtis ſuld intromet with ony man or his geir within ȝour Lordſhips regalitie / ffor nather the Lord Sanquhar his predeceſſouris ſchireffis of the ſhire nor na vther neuir did the like nor neuir wald haif preſumeit to haif done the ſamin / quhairof I being aduerteiſt I direct ane ſeruand in ȝour Lordſhips naim and myne and deſyreit the ſaid fallow to be continewit quhill cognitioun wer tane / quhither his tryall appertenit to ȝour Lordſhip and baillies of ȝour Lordſhips regalitie or to the ſchireff quhilk wes altogethir refuſit / quhairfoir I paſt my ſelf and vpon ȝour Lordſhips privilege of ȝour Lordſhips regalitie /

as ȝour Lordſhips baillie ſtandand vndiſchargeit be ȝour Lordſhip / I tuke this fallow of his hand without ony trublance or impediment / and the nixt day thereftir I convenit the gentill men of the cuntrie / and in ȝour Lordſhips naim with ȝour Lordſhips officer I fenſit ane courte of ȝour Lordſhips baronie of Mortoun and als I cauſit ȝour Lordſhips ſaid officer ſummond all the baronie / to that effect And this fallow being convict I cauſit Juſtifie him / And albeit I haif na titill of ȝour Lordſhips baillierie ȝit In reſpect I remain in poſſeſſioun of the ſaid baillierie vndiſchargeit be ȝour Lordſhip I thocht I had rather haiff done this and anſuer to ȝour Lordſhip nor till haif ſufferrit the laird of Cloiſburn or ony vther I micht ſtop vſurpe ane auctorite within ȝour Lordſhips regalitie ſa fer preiudiciall to ȝour Lordſhips privilege and honour and myne awin baith / I and my predeceſſouris having in abſens of ȝour Lordſhip and predeceſſouris ſtill mantenit the libertie of the ſaid regalitie / quhairvpoun the laird of Cloiſburne raſit lettres To charge me to preſent the ſaid fallow and to compeir perſonalie befoir his Majeſtie quhilk wes continewit to the ſaxt of May inſtant / quhilk day I wes of mynd to haiff kepit / And in reſpect of ſik neidfull effairis as I haif ado I may nocht keip the ſamin / Quhairfoir I will requeiſt ȝour Lordſhip In cais ȝour Lo be preſent vpon counſall To ſe my abſens excuſit quhill ane vther day that I ſall be preſent ffor I dout nocht bot ȝour Lordſhip will be ȝour Lordſhips libertie ſe this mater excuſit Seing that for the keping of ȝour Lordſhips privilege I did it / Sa referring to ȝour Lordſhips anſuer and quhat ȝour Lordſhip pleiſſis to command me I will obey Eftir my hartlie commendationis I commit ȝour Lordſhip to the protectioun of the Almichtie Off Drumlangrig the ferd of Maij 1591 ·

ȝour Lordſhip to be commandit at his power

DRUMLANGRIG ·

It will pleis ȝour Lordſhip to credite the berar quha can gif neid be declair ȝour Lordſhip the haill cais ·

To his verie gude Lord
My Lord erle of Mortoun ·

Agnes Countes of Morton to the Earl of Morton ·

175 It vul pleis ȝour L / that I hawe bein this mununday in Dundej and hes bocht ane tvne of vyne ſewin ſcoir ſextein pundis the tvne and hes gevin my obligatioun to pay it the xv day of Auguſt / I haiwe cauſit convein the tennentis of Auchterhous / and hes cauſit the gwidman of Kenneiſtoune deill vith thame to ſei quhat pryce thai vill giwe for ther fermes / thai vill offer bot four markis for meill and beir for na prigging that Jhone Douglas and I can mak and mony of thame I can get na thing fra tham / ſik as Finlaſoun / Dauid Kinner in the Bonitoune / Petre in the Bowhous and vther diuers / gif ȝe be content vith this pryce adverteis me vith dilligence vith this berair and I ſall caus tham provyid the ſiluer / Forder ȝour L / vill ſend to Jhone Hutſone to caus him bring owt of the barony of Kynroſs four kairtis vith ſufficient horſes and men to draw the vyne / thai ſuld cum to the pow of Lendoris and that thai faill nocht to be at the appointit plaice and Jhone Hutſone vith tham this tvyſday at twa efter none / As for newis ȝour L / ſall vit this morning in the dawing thar is ane fiftei heiland menn of Athoill all fwt menn cam to ane feild in the manis of Fowllis and twik away ane pwind of nowt thaj var ane lang ſpaice away or vord cam to the plaice / howſone vord cam to the plaice thair Iſchewit furth my Lord Grayis twa brethar vith ſum of my Lord Humis ſerwandis / the nummer of the haill that paſſit fwrth var bot threttein perſonis / or thai overtwik tham the pwind vas at the vatter of Ila / ther the horſe men maid the onnſett on the fwttmen and hes releiwit the pwind and hes ſlane thre Athoill menn that ar alreddy ded and vther twa that ar ſupponit to be ded or the morne ſua ther ar fywe on that ſyid ſlainn / ther ar hwrt both vill nocht be the vorſe my Lord Grayis twa brethar / Gilbert and Andro vith his ſtewart that vill nocht leiw the arrow is ſtickand in his rig bak and can nocht be gottin owt as ȝit / of my Lord Humis ſeruand ther ar hwrt Jhone Bailȝe Villiam Dauidſone and vill nocht be the vorſe ·

My Lord Hwme knew nocht of thar owtryding quharat his L / is heichly offendit for he vald haid riddin vith thame I fall be at hame vith Goddis graice on vedinſday at ewin I pray ȝow fell nocht nor this berair be abak agane at me on tvyſday at ewein / gif ȝe haiwe reſawit ony newis or vord abak fra the Kingis Ma / aduerteis me vith this berair / I pray ȝow to caus heft the kairtis for the vyne ſua committis ȝow to ȝe eternall God Fra Auchterhous the laſt of Maij 1591 ·

Be ȝour L / to be commandit

AGNES COUNTES OF MORTOUN ·

The Earl of Angus to the Earl of Morton ·

176 My Lord efter all hairtlie commendatiounis I haiff ſum particular adoes preſentlie in Glenberwie Anent the Ceremonies of my fatheris buriall and ſum uther effairis qwhilk wer lang to wrait Qwhairfoir I will reqweiſt ȝour L / maiſt effectuouſlie to obtein me ane licenſe of his Majeſtie for thrie or fowr dayes or awcht dayis giff it may be grantit that I may taik ordour withe my adoes mentionat So in referring to the beraris declaratioun committis ȝow to the protectioun off God From Dundie the 10 of July 1591 ·

ȝour Lo / at all pouer

To the Richt honorabill and very good Lord ANGUS ·
My Lord the Erlle of Mortoun ·

Sir Duncan Campbell of Glenorchy to the Earl of Morton ·

177 My Lorde eftir my maiſt hartlie commendationis I have receavit ȝour L / letter and underſtandis thairbie that ȝour L / is informit be ȝoure tennentis of Keillour that thair is ſtollin fra thame certane gudis and that thai wer followit north to Corriemukloch and deſiring me to try and ſerche the ſame / ȝoure L / falbe aſſurit that not onlie may ȝoure L /

employ me in this mater / bot alſua in gretar / quhairin ȝoure L / ſall find my effectionat and bent will and mynd to pleſure ȝoure L / to the utirmeſt / And gif I may owther be moyane or force try the gudis or the part quhair thai ar ȝoure L / ſalhaif ane gude proofe of my trauellis and diligence for ȝoure L / requeiſt / Tuicheing ȝour L / poſtſcript (that ȝour L / is the mair bauld to write to me becaus it is meanit the gudis ar cumin within my cuntrey) I aſſuir ȝoure L / that neither tennent or uther perſone depending upone me durſt be bauld to intromit with ony manis geir wranguſlie or recept the ſame privelie or oppinlie And ſpeciallie the gudis pertening to ony of ȝoure L / tennentis / ſeing I am baith detbund in gude will and freindſchip to ȝour L / as I ſalbe about to continew thairin at all my power And remitting the ſame to forder occaſioun I commit ȝour L / hartlie in the tuitioun of the Almichtie Frome Finlarg the thrid day of September 1591 ·

ȝoure L / verray aſſuritlie at power
DUNCAN CAMPBELL of Glenvrquhay ·

To My Lorde
My Lord Erle of Mortoun ·

Sir Duncan Campbell of Glenorchy to the Earl of Morton ·

178 My Lorde eftir my maiſt hartlie commendationis I have receavit ȝour L / letter and hes conſiderit the contentis thairof togidder with the repoirt of the beraris ȝoure L / ſervitouris that certane of the Larde of Marchetonis men duelland in thir boundis hes recept thair geir / ȝoure L / knawis my mynd I beir to ȝour L / and ȝouris be my laſt letter And as ȝit without ony alteratioun of mynd I continew thairin bayth for ȝoure L / honour and furtherance of ȝoure tennentis Bot becaus I haue obtenit na certaintie or triall of the awaytakaris of ȝoure L / ſeruandis geir / I culd not for the preſent gif reſolvit anſuer to ȝour L / men bot ȝour L / ſalbe aſſurit I ſall not forȝet to uſe all diligence and triall I may / to obtene knawlege / ȝit

thair is ane thing quhilk tendis partlie to my diffavour and utherwyis to the greit hurt of the Inhabitantis of this cuntray / That lawland lardis hauand landis within thir boundis for ſmall proffit ſettis the ſamin to unlauchfull perſonis baith oppreſſouris of the liegis within the cuntray and outwith the ſame being ſornaris commone theiffis receptaris of thift and na wyis reſponſall to his Majeſteis lawis And quheneuir thai or ony of thairis committis ſik offences I as Magiſtrat of this cuntray beris the burdene / albeit ȝour L / knawis that everie man aucht to be anſuerabill for his tennentis according to the generall band / In the meintyme I ſall neglect na tyme nor reſpect na band baith to furthure ȝour L / men and to obtene triall to ȝour L / contentment of thair geir / And remitting the reſt to forther occaſioun I commit ȝour L / in the tuitioun of the Almichtie Frome Finlarg the xvj day of September 1591 ·

ȝoure L / verray affuritlie att all power

DUNCAN CAMPBELL of Glenurquhy ·

To My Lorde
My Lorde Erle of Mortoun ·

Declaratioun by the King and Privy Council anent the title of Earl of Morton given to John Lord Maxwell ·

Apud Drumfreis duodecimo die menſis Julij Anno Domini I^m V^c *Nonageſimo ſecundo* .

179 THE KINGIS MAJESTIE with adviſe of the Lordis of his Secrete Counſale Decernis and Declairis be thir preſentis That albeit Johnne Lord Maxwell be nominat and ſtyllit Erle of Mortoun in the lait act and ordinance of Secrete Counſale be the quhilk he wes conſtitute Wardane of the Weſt Marche of this Realme and in ſindrie utheris actis and ordinanceis laitlie maid concerning the advancement of his hienes authoritie and ſervice ȝit the ſame nominatioun and ſtyle Sall nawayes hurte nor prejuge the Richtis and titlis quhilkis Williame Douglas erll of Mortoun

hes and pretendis to have as air of taillie to the erldome of Mortoun nor ȝit Impair him in honnour ſtyll dignitie preheminenceis and privilegeis quhilkis he hes and broikis or may have brouke and poſſes thairby nather in the Intromitting and vptaking of the mailles fermes and dewiteis appertening thairto bot that he ſall brouke and poſſes the ſaid erldome Intromett with the ſame mailles and dewiteis and enjoy quhatſumevir liberteis honnouris privilegeis preeminenceis digniteis and place in parliamentis generall conventiounis Secreit Counſale and utherwayes quhilkis he broukeit and poſſeſt befoir the Nominatioun and ſtyle gevin to the ſaid Johnne Lord Maxwell / expreſſit in the foirſaidis actis and ordinanceis Alffrelie as he uſit and enjoyit at ony tyme bigane preceding the date heirof Nochtwithſtanding the ſame actis and as giff thay had nevir bene maid nor grantit And forder that the lait Declaratioun and act maid be his Majeſtie in favouris of the ſaid Johnne Lord Maxwell nor na claus expreſſit thairin ſall on nawayes hurte nor prejuge the ſaid Williame Erll of Mortoun nor his ſaidis Richtis and titles to the ſaid Erldome privilegeis of Regalitie utheris privilegeis offices caſualiteis and digniteis quhilkis he broukis and poſſeſſis or may clame brouke and poſſes thairby Be IT alwayes underſtand that thir preſentis ſall nawayes hinder nor prejudge the foirſaidis perſonis of ony actioun quhilkis thay have or may have toucheing the deciſioun of aythir of thair rychtis and titles pretendit be thame to the ſaid erldome befoir the Jugeis competent thairto as accordis of the law ·

The King to the Earl of Mortoun ·

180 Richt traiſt couſing and counſallour We greit ȝow hartlye wele / heiring of the cuming ower and repair heir in thir pairtes of our declairit tratouris / for executioun of the reſt of thair treaſonable interpryſes aganis our perſoun and eſtate We haue heirby taiken occaſioun in verray erniſt maner to deſyre ȝour addres toward ws with all poſſible ſpeid / accum-

panyit with ſic force and freindes in ſubſtantious maner as ȝe may haue vpoun the inſtant / And in the mean tyme that ȝe caus diligent tryell ſerche and inquiſitioun be maid / gif any of they our tratouris be preſentlie within thir pairtes / and the ſame be ſignifeit to ws and ȝou / with all ſpeid and diligence As ȝe will do ws verray ſpeciall and notable pleſure and ſeruice Thus repoſing in ȝour readines and gudwill heiranent We commit ȝow to God From Falkland the xxiiij of July 1592 ·

JAMES R ·

To our Richt traiſt couſing and counſallour
The erll of Mortoun ·

Mr William Scott to the Earl of Morton ?

181 My verie gude Lord efter my commendationis of ſervice Pleis my brother in law Mr Thomas Hammiltoun ȝoungar of Preiſtiffeild being preſentit be his Majeſtie to the place of Seſſioun quhilk waikis throw deceis of Mr Dauid Chalmer / for obſerving of the cuſtumat order he is preiffit to purchaſe the ſtyle of ſum kirk leving and be aduyſe of freindis he hes delt with Mr Dauid Makgill advocat and hes obtenit his gude will of the Proueſtrie of Dalkeith quhilk being ane mater of verie ſmall proffitt nocht exceding xl merkis of ȝeirlie dewtie / the gentilman having gretar reſpect to the ſtyle than ony commoditie hes agreit with the advocat and wantis onlie the conſent of ȝour L / patrone of the ſaid benefice quhilk he deſiris eirniſtlie and wald have cum to ȝour Lo / to that effect if the neceſſitie of his preſens in ſeſſioun did not ſtay him / Thairfoir ſeing the mater is of ſmall conſequence I will eirniſtlie requeiſt ȝour L / to grant this favor to this gentill man and to ſubſcryve his gift ſeing it navyiſe prejugis ȝow of ony proffitt / and that he is habill be gude offices to acquyte that pleſure to ȝour L / contentment In quhais name I will promeis to ȝour L / that in all ȝour reſſonabill adois and cauſis he ſalbe ȝour L / gude freind and ſwa truſting in ȝour L / favor pleis ſub-

ſcryve this gift and ſend me the ſamin with this berar I commend ȝour L / to the ſpeciall protectioun of the Eternall From Edinburgh the aucht of October 1592 ·

ȝour L / awin man

Mr WILLIAME SCOT ·

The Earl of Angus to the Earl of Morton ·

182 My Lord and couſſin efter all hartlie commendatiouns I underſtand my Leving is arreſtit by ordour of lawe and becauſe now in the tyme of my truble it is propereſt ȝour Lo / ſuld tak ane doing for me I will requeſt ȝour L / to becum cautioune for my leving that it ſalbe anſuerable to the Kingis Majeſtie and all haiſand entres thairto conforme to the lawes of the cuntray and for ȝour Lo / warand I bind and obliſſis me heirby to warrand and releif ȝour Lo / fra all perrell and ſkayth that ſall happin to fall furth theirthrow be this my band maid unto ȝour Lo / therupoun ſubſcrywit with my hand At the Caſtell of Edinburgh the ſecund of Februar 1592 ·

ȝour Lo / couſin at pouer

ANGUS ·

To my verray guid Lord and Couſſin
the Erll of Mortone ·

The King to the Earl of Mortoun ·

183 Rycht traiſt Couſing and Counſallour We greit ȝow weill / Seing we ar of deliberatioun to corſe the water upon fryday at morne / We have thocht meit to deſyre ȝow be thir preſentis to be heir the ſaid day weill accompanyet with the beſt affectit of ȝour freindis in feir of weir to accompany ws to the Queinefferrye be aucht houris in the morning /

Whilk we doubt not bot ȝe will do as our hole treſt is in ȝow and We ſhall ever remain reddy to requyt ȝour gudwill at all occaſioun Sua committis ȝow to the protectioun of the Almichtye From Falkland the xviij of September 1593 ·

To our Richt traiſt Couſing and Counſallour the Erle of Mortoun ·

Commiſſioun to ſerche ſeek and tak David Barclay of Strowie ·

184 JAMES be the grace of God King of Scottis To all and ſindrie our liegis and ſubditis quhome it effeiris to quhais knaulege thir our letters ſall cum greting Forſamekle as it is wnderſtand to ws and Lordis of oure Secreit Counſale that upoun the xxiij day of September 1591 Dauid Barclay of Strowie wes ordourlie denunceit rebell and put to oure horne be vertew of oure utheris letteris raſed at the inſtance of Adam Young in Middilrig as fader with the brether and remanent kin and freindis of umquhile Henry Young and umquhile Williame Young his ſonis ffor his not compeirance &c· To have underlyne the lawis for the ſchamefull and unworthie ſlauchter of the ſaidis umquhile Henry and Williame Youngis committit be the ſaid David upoun the aucht day of September the ȝeir of God I^{m} V^{c} lxxxxj ȝeiris As oure ſaidis utheris letteris &c· beiris At the proces quhairof the ſaid David maiſt proudlie and contempnandlie remanis as ȝit unrelaxt takand na regaird of the ſaid horning Bot paſſis up and doun the cuntrey hantand kirkis mercattis and all utheris publict placeis of our realme and ſocietie of men as giff thay wer our free ſubjectis In hie and proud contemptioun of our auctoritie and lawis / and encouragement of utheris to committ the lyke ſchamefull and cruell ſlauchteris heirefter without remeid be providit Quhairfoir We have grantit full power and commiſſioun expres bidding and charge to our lovittis the Proveſt and bailȝeis of Edinburgh and Perth Shereffis of

Perth and Kynroſſchire Archibald Douglas George Douglas John Craufurd conjunctlie and ſeveralie To convocat our liegis in armes And to pas ſerche ſeik and tak the ſaid David quhairevir he may be apprehendit and to bring and preſent him befoir our Juſtice and his deputis to be puniſt for his demereitis conforme to the lawis of our realme &c &c Gevin under our ſignet and ſubſcryvit with our hand At Halierudhous the xij day of October and of our Reignne the xxvij ȝeïr 1593 ·

JAMES R ·

THO · MR GLAMMIS ·
RO · *Theſaurarius* ·

ADvice of the Commiſſioners of the Kirk to the King ·

At Edinburgh the xvij day of October 1593 ·

185 The Commiſſioners of the Kirk / barones and burgeſſis being conuenit from diuers partis of this realme forſeing the preſent danger quhairinto the kirk of God within this realme the Kingis Majeſties eſtate and perſone and the haill commown weill ſtandis into thocht guid to giwe thair advyſe to his Majeſtie in maner following

1. Item imprimis becaus the Commiſſioneris ar informit that the excommunicate lordis are to be put to ane aſſyſe and conſidering quhat is the maner of this realme in ſick materis Howbeit thai will nocht deſyre his Majeſtie that they ſall nocht be putt to ane tryell at all / ȝit humelie craiſis that thair tryell be nocht haiſtie nor at the day appointit Bot that it may be delayit vnto the tyme that all the profeſſoris of the goſpell be ryplie advyſit quhat is meit to be done in that matter And that becaus the haill profeſſoris of the goſpell ar myndit to be thair parteis and accuſeris in ther foul treaſounis As alſo in reſpect thai ar alreddie convict partlie throw breking of waird for crymes of treaſoun and partlie throw being fugitiwe from the lawis firſt in St Androis quhilk place they wer ſummondit to and ſpeciallie from the ſupreame ſeat of parliament ·

2. Item We traiſt that according to the lawis and lovable cuſtome of the cuntrei thir excommunicate and treſſonable apoſtatis ſeing thai ar accuſit of the hieſt treaſoun that ever wes hard tell of in this land may be committit in maiſt ſure ward / wiȝ / in the burghis of Edinburgh / Dundie / Striuiling / ⁊c᷑ / or as it ſalbe thocht meitt till ordour be takin with all the papiſtis of Scotland / of quhilk factioun thai ar the head and till the eſtaitis advyſe farder quhat maner of tryell ſalbe vſit aganis thame ·

3. Item We traiſt that quhen the eſtaitis efter dew and mature deliberatioun ſall putt the foirſaid tratouris to ane aſſyſe That the aſſyſſeris be nocht nominate at the optiown of the parteis to be accuſed bot to be nominate by the partie accuſeris to witt the haill profeſſouris of the goſpell And that according to the lovable cuſtom of this realme ·

Item it is craifit of his Majeſtie that the foirſaidis tratouris are excommunicat and by the juſt ſentence of the kirk cut of from the ſocietie of Chryſtis bodie that thai be nocht admittit ꝓ hawe onie perſoun in Judgement nor benefite of the law till thai be Joynit vnto Chryſt and reconcilit vnto his kirk And according to the lawis of the cuntrie and his Majeſties awin promeis ·

4. Item incace his Majeſtie will nocht alter the day (as we dout nocht bot he will) Then we traiſt that as his Majeſtie profeſſis religioun with ws and thai the contraire we that are the profeſſouris of religioun may be his Majeſties garde and admittit in the maiſt fenſible and warelyke maner to be about his Majeſtie To defend his perſoun from thair violence and to accuſe thame to the vttermaiſt Quhilk we ar myndit to do and it ſuld be with the los of all our lyfis in ane day for certainlie we are determinatt that the cuntrie ſall nocht bruik vs and thame bayth ſa lang as they ar Godis profeſſit enemeis ·

Sir John Carmychall to William Earl of Angus [1593 ?]

186 My Lord my humill commendationis being rememberit I reſſauit ȝour aduerteiſmentis fra my cowſing Wat and theiraftir ſpak with the King at

greit lenthe tuiching ȝour matteris quha at my earniſt ſute and deſyre and revaird for my ſeruice / hes becumit mair reſonabill nor ȝour deſert deſeruis / quhen noſtir and the wyfis huſband fuld wraik as now ȝour l / knawis quhither men be of ȝour counſall or nocht / I haue brocht it to this poynt with the King that ȝour l / ſall nathir be in haſard of ȝour lyfe landis nor honouris gif ȝe will crave the Kingis mercy and grant ȝour offence quhilk he hes to lat ȝow ſe and ȝe can nocht deny I ſall mak all thir ſure / ſwa that the greitteſt danger ȝe can incur is to remane ane quhyle in waird quhill mattiris be ſettillit / being ſure / nathir ȝour lyfe landis nor honour be in danger My lord albeit ȝe eſtemit me ane enemy befoir I was ane freind and gave ȝow the beſt counſall albeit God wald nocht lecent ȝow to except it and thais that hes drawin ȝow on this / if ȝe and ȝour hous wraik thay haue bene the occaſioun of it · Gif the King had wraikit at this tyme / I had bene worthy to haue bene hangit quarterit and drawin / That I was the onely ſtay that ȝour heid and James Dowglaſs had nocht bene bayth tane at ȝour being in this toun the tyme of the parliament for we knew mattiris than as we do now bot nocht ſa cleirly / gif ȝour l / thinkis meit to except thir conditionis lat me be aduerteiſit and I ſall mak thame ſure anewche / gif ȝe think ȝe wilbe the man will wraik ȝour ſelf and ȝour hous I tak the greit God to vitnes I haue done mair for ȝour l / and gevin ȝow my counſall mair vprychtlie for ȝour ſtanding nor ony that is cumit of it or ony vaſſall ȝe haue / I haue ſend my cowſing Wat to ȝow to deill in thir mattiris quhom with ȝe may be plane / gif ȝe wryte ane anſuer to me wryte in ſic plane termes as the King may ſe it and gif ȝe ſend ony vthir ſecreittis ſend it be toung with ſic as ȝe think maiſt meit / ſwa for this preſent luiking to heir fra ȝow how far I may ſpeik in ȝour name I commit ȝour l / to Godis protectioune Edinburgh this ſettirday in the mornyng ·

Be ȝour l / to be commandit with ſeruice gif ȝe obey God
and the Kingis Majeſtie ·

CARMYCHALL ·

To the Richt honorable and my very gud lord
and maiſtir the erle of Angus gif this ·

Agnes Counteſs of Morton to the Earl of Morton ·

187 It will ples ȝour Lo / that me Lord off Argyll is come heir to Dalkeith this ſetterday in the nycht and his Lo / will be mareit this Sonday with ȝour dochter / therfoir I pray ȝour Lo / be nocht offendit for I will tak the baldnes on me to end that turne I man craff ȝour Lo / pardone for the ſame and prayis ȝour Lo / nocht to be offendit at the ſame this is wrettin in haiſt this ſonday in the morneing nocht ellis bot committis ȝour Lo / to the protectioun of God ·

Be ȝour Lo / at hir power

AGNES COVNTES OF MORTTONE ·

To my Lord my Lord
Erll of Morttone ·

Agnes Counteſs of Morton to the Earl of Morton ·

188 It will pleis ȝour Lo / the Quenes Majeſtie will be ther this tyſday and her Majeſtie lepenis that ȝour Lo / will come and convoy her that day therfoir I think it beſt that ȝour Lo / dyne at x houris and be heir betuix ten and ane efternone I think me Lord Duke and the Abot of Londoris · · · · · · ſouper with ȝour L / on tyſday therfoir it is guid that ȝour Lo / command ȝour cowkis and ſtewerttis to mak good cheir And nocht ellis bot committis ȝour Lo / to God ·

ȝour Lo / at power

AGNES COVNTES OF MORTTONE ·

To my Lord my Lord
Erll of Morttone ·

William Lord Hereis to the Earl of Morton ·

189 My Lord efter rycht hartie commendationis Pleis ȝour L / I haiff reſauit ȝour L / letter / quhairby ȝour L / ſhawis that the tenentis of Preſtoun hes bene at ȝour L / declairing that I haiff diſchargeit thame to anſuer ȝour L / of ther dewteis of ther landis · For anſuer therto / albeit my Lord my umquhill couſing the tyme of his deceis was in poſſeſſione of the uplifting of the maillis and dewties of that Laird of Preſtoun / ȝit ſen his deceis I haiff nather commandit thame mak payment theroff to his ſone nather ȝit contramandit thame mak payment of the ſamin to ȝour Lo / For I am not myndeit to uſe courſſis contrair the law in ony ſorte / althocht as ȝour L / underſtandis honour and dewtie obleiſſis me to do for his bairnis · Sua leving to troubill ȝour L / forther for the preſent quhill uther occaſione I commit ȝour L / to Goddis protectioun Terreglis the ſext of May 1594 ·

ȝour L / at power to command

HERYS ·

To the Rycht honorabill my verray guid Lord
my Lord the Erle of Mortoun ·

Warrant to retain John Alay and Rowie Beteis ·

REX ·

190 Williame erle Mortoun Lord Dalkeyth &c· IT is our will and We command ȝow that for certane conſiderationis moving ws ȝe retene and keip Johne Alay and Rowie Beteis preſentlie in ȝour keping ſtill in firmance quher thai ar and delyver thame to na perſoun or perſonis nochtwithſtanding quhatſumevir letters or charges direct to ȝow to that effect quhill ȝe knaw farder of our mynd theranent As ȝe will anſuer to ws upoun ȝour obedience Subſcrivit with our hand At Dundie the day of Marche 1597 ·

James R.

Warrant to charge Adam Strudgeon and others ·

191 JAMES be the grace of God King of Scottis To our louittis Johne Weir Meſſingeris our Shereffis in that part conjunctlie and ſeueralie ſpecialie conſtitute greting OURE WILL is and We charge you ſtraitlie and commandis That Incontinent thir our letters ſene ȝe pas and in our name and auctoritie Command and charge Adame Strudgeon James Strudgeon and all utheris havaris keiparis and detenaris of the bouſe place and fortalice of Wraith pertening to our richt traiſt couſing and counſallour Williame erle of Mortoun To rander and deliver the ſame to Robert Somervile ſervitour to our ſaid couſing in his name / to be keipit be him to his behove and to remove thameſelffis and thair ſervandis furth thairof within ſex houris nixt efter thai be chairgit be ȝou thairto under the pane of treaſoun With certificatioun to thame and thay failȝie that the ſame pane ſalbe execute upone thame conforme to the lawes of our realme and actis of parliament &c Gevin under our ſignett and Subſcrivit with our hand AT Drumfreis the ſext day of Aprile And of our Regnne the xxx ȝear 1597 ·

JAMES R ·

CARMICHAELL · NEWBOTLE · TRAKQUAIR ·

Daniel Archdeacon to the Earl of Morton ·

192 Right honorable / for as moch as yt hath pleaſed the Allmightie God to make me an inſtrument wherby I haue reuealed ſuch plotts and practiſes as Francys Moubray had intended againſt his Prince and the ſtate of this land / and that for want of other proofes I am not able to make his treaſons knowen to the worlde / I am conſtrained by force of armes to prooue him a traitor to his King and contrie and by the power of God to compell him to confeſs his faultes whereby my honeſt / true /

and faithefull ſeruice to his Maieſtie and to this ſtate may euidently appere which I dout not but I ſhall be able to bring to paſs being aſſiſted by the power of God / who is euer inclined to fauor and help the true and iuſt cauſe / and for as much as the triall of this matter is to be performed by a combat betwene Francys and me and the coſtome in ſuch caſe is that euerye on of the champions is to chooſe 2 Godfathers he being allreadie prouided for his parte / I haue thoght good to prouide me ſelf chooſing your Lordſhyp as a nobleman indued with true chriſtianitie louing your Prince an contrie / therefore I humblye requeſt your Lordſhyp to grante me the fauor as to grace me and aſſiſte me with your honorable preſence and be my godfather in ſo iuſt and ſo true a cauſe / thus your Lordſhyp ſhall bynde me exedinglye to your honorable kindenes · Wedenſday next being the 5th day of Januarie ſhall be the appointed for the combat / thus ceaſing to troble your Lordſhyp any forther with my moſt affectionate dutie I humbly take my leaue / From the caſtell of Edenbrough this 27 of December 1602 ·

Your Lordſhyps moſt humble and affectionat ſeruant ·

DANIEL ARCHEDEACON ·

To the right honorable the erle of Morton ·

LUDOVICK Duke of Lenox to the Earl of Morton ·

193 MY veray guid Lord We being myndfull to ſettill ſum guid ordour with the miniſtrie of our kirkis of the pryorie of Sanctandrois and haveing appoyntit Wodneſday nixt to that affect We will heirfoir requeſt ȝour Lo / to ſubſcrywe this teſtificatioun of that quhilk ȝour Lo / geves to the Miniſter of Hadingtoun mair nor the dewtie of ȝour Lo / tak / that ȝour Lo / gevis of conſcience and guidwill the quhilk may helpe ws and do na hinder to ȝour Lo / becaus We haue agreit be the advyiſe of the ſaid miniſtrie that quhair thai hawe ony thing furth of the tua part We ſalbe releifit of als mekle of the third and Swa my Lord of Murray and Sir George Douglas dois the lyk

for our releif Lyk as this berar will ſufficientlie informe ȝour Lo / to quhom it will pleis ȝour Lo / gif credeit / nocht doutting of ȝour Lo / forderance of our weill / as We wis ȝour Lo / proſperitie and weill / We remember our veray luiffeing commendatioun to ȝour Lo / and ſo We reſt

ȝour Lo / veray affectionat and loveing freind

Hallyruidhouſe 9° Januarij 1603 · LENOX ·

To My veray guid Lord the erle off Mortoun ·

Alexander ſixth Lord Home to the Earl of Mortoun ·

194 My Lord and luifing father I reſafit ȝour Lo / letter anent the repledging of ȝour regaliteis / I haif ane ſpeciall direction from his Majeſtie to caus the baillies of ilk regalitie to be preſent with me at the courtis and to ſuffer nane to be repledgit Nochtwithſtanding therof I haif overpaſt all ȝour Lo / regalities as I nethir haif nor intendis to do to ony utheris / Lyke as I ſalbe redy upone all occaſionis to ſatiffie ȝour Lo / commandementis So I reſt ·

ȝour Lo / ſone to ſerue ȝou

Peblis the xj of December 1603 · ALEX · L · HOME ·

To my verie guid Lord and luiffit father my Lord erl of Mortoun ·

The Preſbytery of Linlithgow to the Earl of Morton ·

195 My Lord Our humbill ſeruice in the Lord Jeſus being rememberit We reſſauit ȝour L / letter Villing us to inform ȝour L / of ſik perſonis within ȝour L / regalitie of Caldercleir as ar gyltie of haynous crymes aganis the law of God or diſobedient to the diſcipline of the kirk That ȝour L / in Juſtice court mycht miniſter Juſtice to the glorie of God &c° As to ȝour Lo / deſyre Efter tryell had be us for ſatiffeing of ȝour L / letter We could find nane within the foirſaid regalitie that had not ather ſatiſ-

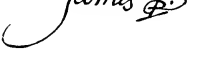
feit the kirk alreddie or quha ar not prefentlie under the difcipline of the famin quhais havie fin fuppois We lament / ȝit we can not compleyne of thame to ȝour L / fen they ar fubject to difcipline We fra our hartis do prayfe God for your L / gude affectioun alwayis / quhilk alfo witnis in this ȝour L / cair to have fin puneift that God may be glorifeit Viffing that we might have the lyk experience of all the nobilitie of this land / Earneftlie befeiking ȝour L / alfo to have regard of the miferabill eftait of that people quha fua lang hes bene and ȝit ar deftitut of the comfort of the ghofpel That ȝour L / will for the glorie of God forfie fum gude meyne quherby that kirk may be plantit / quherin quhen the prince of paftouris fall appeir ȝour L / fall find that it wes ane gude work done to his glorie · The Lord preferve ȝour L / alwayes Subfcrivit be our Moderator In our name At Linlythqw the 2 day of Februar 1604 ·

ȝour L / at all humbill feruice in the Lord
The brethren of the Prefbiterie of Linlithqw and in our name
To the Rycht nobill and potent Erle R · CORNWALL Moderator ·
My Lord Erle of Mortoun &c ·

The King to the Earl of Morton ·

196 Right truftye and weilbeloued coufeing We greitt you weill / Vpoun fum fpeciall occafionis of our fervice haveing thoght your repaireing hither to be requifite / We ar thairfoir to will and defyre you vpoun the reffaite of this our letter with all convenient fpeid to addrefs your felf hither to the effect you may be certified of our forder pleafure and will in fuche thingis as We fall Impairt to you at your cumming / wherein ye fall do ws acceptable fervice And fo We bid you fair weill From our courte at Whitehall the fevint of Januarye 1607 ·

To our right trufty and right welbeloued cofen
the Earle of Mortoun giue thefe ·



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